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**E**mbattled Rep. Raymond D. Palacios (Cov-Saipan), who is currently on bail for alleged "ice" trafficking, stepped down yesterday as chairman of the House Committee on Education, saying his resignation is related to the allegations against him.



Palacios

House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan) said he accepted Palacios' resignation but has yet to name his replacement.

In his one-page letter, Palacios said his resignation will "give way to others who can better provide the time dealing with issues surrounding

education on our island which I, at this point in time, is not able to, due to the alleged allegations lodged against me."

"Again, in order to properly, and fully

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## Fitial's election as GOP chair draws flak

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Rep. Ray Tebuteb (R-Saipan) and other sitting Republican lawmakers questioned yesterday Gov. Benigno R. Fitial's election as the new president of the CNMI Republican Party when Juan N. Babauta stepped down Saturday night, saying party bylaws were changed and a meeting was held without informing all party members about them.

Tebuteb, who already had misgivings about the July GOP membership meet-

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Assistant U.S. attorney Beverly McCallum confirmed with the *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that the U.S. Department of Justice had offered her \$100,000 to drop her discrimination complaint against the Department of Justice and U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Guam.

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### CLIMATE CHANGE CRISIS

File photo shows native villagers fishing near a coral reef in Papua New Guinea. A new book, *Vulnerability of Tropical Pacific Fisheries and Aquaculture to Climate Change*, claims there will be winners and losers from climate change, and the way Pacific governments react and adapt will be vital. It says the Northern Mariana Islands' coral reef fisheries are under threat from climate change but there are options for sustaining food resources through tuna and aquaculture.

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## Manglona quits CPUC; Alepuyo back as sole member

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REPORTER

Newly appointed Commonwealth Public Utilities Corp. member Joaquin Man-

glona unexpectedly stepped down on Nov. 1, leaving Viola Alepuyo as the sole member of the commission once again.

Alepuyo confirmed Manglona's resignation, citing personal reasons.

Manglona had attended CPUC meetings thrice. At the last meeting, he expressed disappointment over the commission's situation: without a budget,

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## OSC unable to determine if Hatch Act covers DPS deputy chief

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The U.S. Office of Special Counsel has been unable to determine whether Department of Public Safety deputy commissioner Ambrosio Ogu-moro is covered by the Hatch Act when he allegedly asked DPS employees to attend and bring food to the Oct. 5, 2010, campaign rally for then delegate candidate Joseph N. Camacho.

*Saipan Tribune* tried but failed to contact Ogu-moro yesterday for comment.

In an Oct. 26, 2010, letter to human rights advocate and former Rota public school teacher Wendy Doromal, OSC attorney Mariama Liverpool said they requested information about DPS' federal funding several times from, among others, former DPS commissioner Santiago F. Tudela and current DPS Commissioner Ramon C. Mafnas, but there have been no response.

"Thus, we have decided to close this matter without further action," Liverpool said.

In a footnote to her letter, Liverpool pointed out that news reports indicate that DPS received a federal COPS Hiring grant from the U.S. Department of Justice in 2009 to hire nine police officers.

Doromal had asked the OSC to look into Ogu-moro's and Attorney General Edward T. Buckingham's purported violations of the Hatch Act.

The Hatch Act restricts the political activity of individuals employed by state, country, or municipal executive agencies in connection with programs financed by loans or grants by the U.S. or a federal agency.

Liverpool said it was alleged that Ogu-moro also asked DPS employees to deliver tables to the site of the Camacho rally and to cut and prepare fish while the employees were on duty.

At the time, Ogu-moro was the deputy commissioner for DPS.

With respect to Buckingham, Liverpool said that evidence suggests that Buckingham violated the Hatch Act when he invited staff from his office to attend an August 2010 campaign party for Camacho.

In a separate letter to Doromal, Liverpool said OSC is closing the matter "without further action."

## Local



**A weekly update from the Marianas Visitors Authority**  
*Tourism is everybody's business.*

### Triathlon and the Timeless Appeal of Rota

The friendly island of Rota hosts the 18th Annual Rota Blue Triathlon and Reef Swim this Saturday (Nov. 12), drawing athletes from through the Northern Marianas, Guam, and Japan to this tropical island jewel.



In Fiscal Year 2011, Rota received 4,920 visitors, largely from Japan. The second largest market for Rota is Guam. Rota offers visitors a quiet, unspoiled escape and has been focusing largely on its eco-tourism appeal.



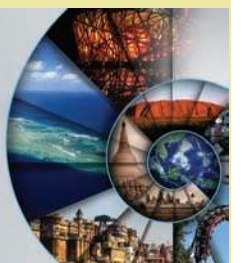
Popular scenic spots in Rota include the picturesque Swimming Hole, I'Chenchon Bird Sanctuary, As Nieves Latte

Stone Quarry, Sabana Peace Memorial, Japanese Costal Defense Gun, Nanyo Kohatsu Nabushiki Kaisha Sugar Mill, and Wedding Cake Mountain. While on island, don't miss to the opportunity to mingle with the locals and taste local delicacies including coconut crab, venison, and much more. Diving and golf also await the avid sportsman.

Champions Hidea Miyazuka and Taro Shirato return to the Rota this week for the annual triathlon. Other annual signature events include the Rota Cliff Fishing Derby in the summer and San Francisco de Borja fiesta.



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# Allen wins Chacha Oceanview Teacher of the Year honor

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Chacha Oceanview Junior High School has chosen language arts teacher Terra Allen as its Teacher of the Year, together with six other education awardees who are being honored this month for demonstrating excellence in their professions.

Allen will represent her school in the statewide competition and, if selected, will have the opportunity to vie for the national title and will travel to Washington, D.C. to meet with President Barack Obama.

"I was very honored and humbled to receive this recognition. As teachers, we do not get enough feedback and recognition for our work from the outside prospective. We get feedback from our students daily, but we have a thirst for recognition from our fellow teaching community and administration. As a professional, I feel it is important to be told when I am making progress and being effective. Receiving this award reminds me that people other than my students are aware of my impact. I felt even more empowered to educate!" Allen told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Allen obtained her elementary education degree from Boise State University in December 2007. She started working for the Public School System in August 2009 as a reading resource teacher for sixth to eighth graders. She currently teaches language arts to seventh graders.

The Teacher of the Year plum is her first teaching award from PSS.

Allen said it has always been her dream to share her knowledge with students.

"I love the creativity involved in teaching. I think the best part about teaching is my love for children. I love working with kids in a challenging and rewarding environment. I am also motivated by the positive experiences in school and the extraordinary teachers I will never forget," she said.

Students are the most enjoyable part of her job. She said she loves their innate curiosity and desire to learn. "They make me smile and continue to help me grow daily," she said.

As a teacher, Allen said that learning is never-ending. "I learn something new every day. I really cannot account for all of the amazing things I have learned in the last few years, but I have learned the importance of patience, compassion, and how to be a good listener in my classroom each and every day."

## Other awardees

Hailed Teacher Aide of the Year is Gerald Agulto, a dedicated employee of Chacha Oceanview for the last 12 years. He started as teacher aide for Kagman Elementary School's spe-

cial education program in 2000 and moved to Chacha Oceanview in 2003. This is his second time to be given the award, the first time in 2009. Agulto said it was his desire to better help and understand his son that inspired him to pursue a teaching career.

MONETH G. DEPOSA

Adjudged Support Staff of the Year is Maria Angelita Amog, who has been with the Chacha Oceanview family since 2009. Amog, a mother of two, is the school's administrative officer. The first-time awardee was recognized for her untiring service to school employees and students. Amog is also the school's time-keeper, filing clerk, accounting assistant, and administrative secretary.

Carmen Sablan was named the school's Counselor of the Year. She started in 2004 as a classroom teacher. A year later, she became a counselor and has already been recognized twice—in 2009 and 2010—for her dedication to her profession.

The Librarian of the Year honor was conferred on Nathaline Kaneshi, who has been an employee of the school since 2009. Every day, she attends to the library needs of about 40 students. Kaneshi was instrumental in the establishment of the Book Lovers' Club to promote reading awareness among students. Kaneshi is a first-time awardee.

Chacha Oceanview selected Mollie Atinisom and Ignacio Celis as its Instructor of the Year and Maintenance of the Year awardees respectively. Atinisom is assigned at the school's leadership corps program and has been with the school since 2007. Celis, meantime, has been serving the school since 2002 and has been selected thrice for the honor.

Chacha Oceanview Junior High principal Vince Dela Cruz said the school is blessed with dedicated employees who go beyond the call of their duties. "You can never have enough good staff. These are very good people and we are blessed to have them onboard. They have been with the system for many years and really work well with students. Our awardees have primary duties but they go beyond what is required, we're truly proud of them," he said.

Chacha Oceanview is home to 354 students and 35 employees, including 12 classroom teachers.



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# Bills on \$15 tourism fee, DPW foreign worker hiring are now laws

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial signed into law on Friday two bills, including a measure expanding the incentives program to travel agencies bringing in more tourists to the CNMI and also charges passengers from non-U.S. destinations a new \$15 travel promotion fee.

The governor also signed into law a bill that would allow the Department of Public Works' Technical Services Division to continue to hire qualified foreign engineers at least until 2015.

Fitial's newly signed Public Law 17-58 amends P.L. 17-29 to extend the application of the Tourism Incentive Program to other Southeast Asian markets, and establish a customs quarantine tourism revolving fund.

House floor leader George Camacho (Ind-Saipan), author of the bill that be-

came PL 17-58, said the government "still has to promulgate rules to implement the tourism program and I hope that's done soon so we can start realizing the benefits of the incentive plan."

The new law expands the target market for the tour agent monetary incentive program originally intended only for those bringing in tourists from Japan. But when the March 11 quake and tsunami hit Japan, the administration-sponsored bill expanded the target market to cover other countries, including South Korea, Russia, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and China.

The new law also imposes a \$15 customs and quarantine fee to be assessed against the carrier of every arriving passenger whose original point of embarkation is a non-U.S. country.

This \$15 fee will be used to recover costs incurred for enforcement of customs and quarantine laws, and to pro-

mote travel to the CNMI.

The fee will be collected by carriers, and remitted or paid to the CNMI government on or before the 15th day of each month.

## Foreign worker hiring

Fitial also signed HB 17-202 into Public Law 17-59, exempting DPW's Technical Services Division from the foreign worker hiring prohibition until 2015.

DPW's TSD is having difficulties finding resident engineers to fill needed positions.

House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan) authored the bill.

Fitial, in his message to Cabrera and Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota), said although the bill does not address hiring standards, he signed it into law in order to deal with critical and ongoing projects.

as the CNMI Republican Party president so he can devote his time to the new healthcare corporation as its chief executive officer.

The governor won the seat unopposed, and Babauta said that Fitial's selection was made in accordance with the party's rules.

Babauta and Fitial touted Fitial's "strong relationship" with the national Republican committee in Washington, D.C., Fitial good rapport with the current chairman of Republican National Committee, Reince Priebus, and his constant communication with key members of the committee at national level.

Fitial founded and headed the GOP until he formed his own Covenant Party for his gubernatorial bids in 2001 and 2005. Babauta ran against Fitial in these two elections. Fitial was re-accepted to the Republican Party early this year, and called on other Covenant Party members to follow him. Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos and other Covenant members remain with the Covenant Party.

Cabrera said he's expecting that others would follow suit, to show the community that lawmakers are drug-free.

When asked whether he would ask Palacios to also take a drug test, he said he won't ask him to do so but leaves it up to the committee.

"I also told him he should consult his attorney before doing it if he wants to," Cabrera added.

Camacho said the results of the drug test for other members are expected to be released later.

## Ethics panel meeting

The Special Standing Committee on Official Conduct and Ethics specifically created to investigate Palacios' alleged drug use convened again yesterday morning.

Camacho said they reviewed and discussed information about the allegations against Palacios during the closed-door meeting, but won't disclose the specifics.

He said while there is no definite timeline, he hopes the committee will be able to wrap up its investigation in the soonest possible time.

Among those in the meeting besides Camacho were Villagomez, Santos, Yumul and Rep. Fred Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan). Reps. Trenton Conner (R-Tinian) and Joseph Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan) were not present.

## FITIAL

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ing and general elections wherein Babauta was elected, said as far as he's concerned, a sitting elected official cannot be president of the party.

He said if some Republicans changed the bylaws to allow Fitial to become president, he and other incumbents were not even notified about these amendments, and were not even invited to the meeting on Saturday.

"His grip on power is stronger. We know he controls the House, now he can control the Senate. Like I said before in July, I still recognize Juan Tenorio as GOP president. That is still true today," he said.

Despite his misgivings, Tebuteb said he is still a Republican.

Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota), when asked for comment, said he's surprised by Tebuteb's statement about Fitial now being able to control the Senate.

"I would like to think that the Senate

is an independent body," said Manglona. He said he was on Rota on Saturday and was not even aware of a GOP meeting that day.

Senate Vice President Jude Hofschneider (R-Tinian), so far the only Republican senator confirmed to have attended the GOP meeting, said yesterday that he's "happy with the choice of president, both as a party-mate and also as a member of the Legislature."

"Now it's time to move forward and focus on addressing critical issues of the CNMI," he said.

Sen. Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) said he's not aware whether the GOP bylaws were amended to allow a sitting governor to become president of the party. Sen. Frank Cruz (R-Tinian) said he's not also aware of the meeting.

House minority leader Joseph Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan) and Rep. Ray Yumul (R-Saipan) also were not in the meeting. Yumul also said he's not aware of the bylaws' amendments.

Fitial was unanimously selected by about a hundred members on Saturday to replace Babauta, who stepped down

ana Islands economy and most importantly, our people," Palacios said in his letter.

He couldn't be reached for further comment yesterday.

Palacios is also a member of the House Committee on Ways and Means, and a member of the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation's Committee on Health, Education and Welfare and Committee on Natural Resources.

Cabrera said there's no stopping Palacios from continuing to become a member of these other committees.

## 5 of 20 House members

Five of 20 House members have so far undergone drug testing.

They are the House speaker, Special Standing Committee on Official Conduct and Ethics chair George Camacho (Ind-Saipan), and committee members Rep. Edmund Villagomez (Cov-Saipan), Rep. Teresita Santos (Ind-Rota) and Rep. Ray Yumul (R-Saipan).

Of the five, one result has come back—that of the House speaker. He tested "negative" for drug use, as indicated in the test result, a copy of which was obtained by *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

He took the drug test on Oct. 26, and got the result on Nov. 1. He said the test cost him \$59.

## PALACIOS

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served (sic) our people, I strongly believe that I must step down as chairman, so that you can appoint someone else who can dedicate and devote his/her time in addressing matters pertaining to education in the CNMI," Palacios told Cabrera.

The speaker said he's not surprised about the resignation because he and Palacios talked about it last week.

"When I spoke to him last week, we talked about his chairmanship of education, that schools are drug-free places, and the allegations against him. He said he would step down as chairman. I appreciate him stepping down, and I want the Education Committee to keep moving. I don't have a replacement for him yet as of today," Cabrera said.

Palacios will remain as a member of the 17th House of Representatives and a member of the House leadership.

"It is indeed an honor and privilege to have served under this committee and that, should my assistance is (sic) needed, that I am ready to assist in any way I can. Also, please be assured that I will continue to support the 'House Leadership' in advocating and setting forth plan that will aid our struggling Commonwealth of the Northern Mari-

## Defendant who failed to appear at hearing arrested

Federal agents served yesterday morning the bench warrant issued by U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona against a defendant in a civil case who failed to appear at a hearing.

Herman C. Santos was taken to court at 11:05am.

Attorney F. Matthew Smith, counsel for Commonwealth Development Authority that is suing Santos, asked the court to amend the previous order to reflect an increase in Santos' monthly payments to CDA.

Manglona ordered Santos to pay \$125 per month for the next 30 months in order to cover arrears.

Smith requested for a review hearing to be set in six months.

The judge denied the request and stated that CDA shall monitor Santos' payments.

Manglona ordered Santos' release from custody.

Attorney Mark Scoggins, counsel for CDA, requested the court to issue the bench warrant against Santos for not showing up at a scheduled hearing.

Thursday's show cause hearing was set for Santos to explain why he should not be held in contempt for failing to make regular monthly payments as the court had ordered.

Attorney F. Matthew Smith, co-counsel of Scoggins for CDA, said in his declaration that Santos made the last payment of \$100 on July 20, 2011.

Smith said that, on Jan. 10, 2006, following an auction sale of mortgaged property, the district court entered a deficiency judgment against Santos, Ricardo C. Castro and Maria C. Castro in the amount of \$7,191.45 plus interest at 9 percent per annum.

Smith said that Santos was ordered to pay \$100 per month until the deficiency judgment was paid in full. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

## MCCALLUM

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A source had disclosed that DOJ last week offered McCallum \$100,000 to drop her complaint filed with U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and leave the department. The source added that the DOJ also offered McCallum a one-year detail someplace else, with the right to return to Saipan afterwards.

When asked about the alleged offer, McCallum confirmed that both of those scenarios have been offered to her.

"Yes, I can confirm that that is true," she said. "I rejected the \$100,000."

She declined to comment further on the alleged one year-detail offer.

*Saipan Tribune* sought comments yesterday from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Districts of Guam and NMI but there was no response as of press time. U.S. Attorney for the Districts of Guam and the CNMI Alicia Limtiaco earlier refused to comment on the EEOC complaint.

McCallum said her EEOC suit was set for a hearing in May 2012. She did not explain further.

*Saipan Tribune* learned from sources that McCallum filed the mandatory "pre-complaint" in March 2010 in Arizona and the formal complaint was filed in July 2011 in Washington, D.C.

McCallum named as respondents

Attorney General Eric H. Holder Jr., the DOJ, and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Guam.

The complainant seeks compensatory damages, back pay, front pay, lost awards and bonuses, attorney's fees, retirement benefits, and transfer from the supervision of the discriminating officials, among other things.

According to sources, the issue was that whether from September 2007 to the present, management officials at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Guam subjected McCallum to a hostile work environment based on her sex and retaliated against her for complaining about harassment.

The complaint alleges that from September 2007 to the present McCallum was sexually harassed and threatened and that other DOJ employees and federal agents were encouraged to ostracize her.

McCallum also complained that from October 2007 to March 2010, an assistant U.S. attorney failed to take any measures to stop the discrimination and retaliation.

McCallum also complained that she was denied an opportunity between 2008 and June 2009 to compete for the Branch Chief position in the Saipan branch of the U.S. Attorney's Office.

In April 2010, McCallum was allegedly placed on a "Bad Boy and Bad Girl List" and a "winners list" that were circulated among district employees.

## MANGLONA

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without an office and staff, and with only two members.

"This is my third time in the meeting and I really believe that we need an office with executive director and a staff to handle operations. ... We also need a complete membership because it is becoming ridiculous. I really hate that my vote actually represents 50 percent of the decision, which is scary. Without my vote, nothing goes. This is putting too much pressure on us and we need help. It's getting too much for an old man," said Manglona at the meeting.

He recommended seeking immediate appointments to the commission and asked the Legislature to expedite confirmations.

CPUC members are appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Senate.

According to Alepuyo, the law permits her to function as the sole member of the commission within 60 days following Manglona's resignation. After that, the governor is allowed to extend the commission's operation for another 30 days even if there is only one member.

Unless a new member is appointed and confirmed by then, Alepuyo said that she will be the sole member making the decisions at the scheduled Nov. 14 meeting. Frustrated by the situation, Alepuyo said she has no choice but to sustain the commission's function. She assured that she will render a sound and fair decision on all issues before the commission.

She said the commission has been asking for the immediate appointment of other members, to no avail. She concurred with all the concerns raised by Manglona.

Alepuyo's term with the CPUC is until March 2012.

# 'OPA personnel did not release any confidential documents'

» House, Senate panels keep eye on allegations against AG

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The Office of the Public Auditor said yesterday that it has conducted an internal investigation "and concluded that there is no evidence that indicates that any confidential documents have been released by OPA personnel."

OPA's statement came out

some two weeks after Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and Attorney General Edward T. Buckingham questioned OPA's silence over the unauthorized release of a December 2010 OPA investigation report on Buckingham.

That OPA report had concluded that Buckingham's actions "violated criminal prohibitions" of both the Commonwealth Ethics Code Act and the Com-

monwealth Election Act when he hosted a campaign party for then delegate candidate Joseph N. Camacho at the governor's house in Gualo Rai on Aug. 28, 2010.

"The Office of the Public Auditor appreciates the press' and public's continuing interest in OPA ethics investigations," OPA said. "Unfortunately, due to legal restrictions, OPA cannot

currently publicly comment on any ethics investigation."

OPA said the document purporting to be an official OPA ethics investigation report, which was anonymously circulated in October this year, "does not change OPA's duties or restrictions under the law."

"Please be assured that the OPA takes its duties of confidentiality very seriously in all audit and investigation engagements. The OPA has conducted an internal investigation and concluded that there is no evidence that indicates that any confidential documents have been released by OPA personnel," it said.

Meanwhile, both the Senate and House committees look-

ing into allegations and investigation reports on Buckingham said they continue to monitor developments about these issues, including OPA's latest statement and the U.S. Office of Special Counsel's letter saying that evidence suggests that Buckingham violated the Hatch Act when he invited staff from his office to attend the August 2010 campaign party for Camacho, then running for delegate. The Senate confirmed Camacho last week to serve as Superior Court associate judge.

Sen. Frank Cruz (R-Tinian), chairman of the Senate EAGI Committee, said yesterday that his panel will come up with a report on not only Buckingham's involvement at the campaign

gathering but also on his approval of a sole-source ARRA management contract last year.

His committee asked the CNMI Bar Association to investigate alleged ethical violations by Buckingham.

Rep. Ralph Demapan (Cov-Saipan) said his Committee on Judiciary and Government Investigations is also monitoring issues related to Buckingham's alleged ethical violations.

The leak of the December 2010 OPA investigation report on Buckingham, which Gov. Benigno R. Fitial has not released, has drawn reactions from the community. The Fitial administration maintains that Buckingham did not commit violations.

## Fewer flights, smaller aircraft to Rota

Freedom Air has not only stopped using 39-seater aircraft and replaced them temporarily with a seven-seater aircraft, but has also been running fewer flights to Rota for at least a week now.

Dennis Cruz, Freedom Air-CNMI station manager, said yesterday that the use of smaller aircraft Navajo will only be "temporary" because of "regular maintenance" work on the bigger Shorts 330 aircraft.

"We expect to resume the use of bigger aircraft in about 10 days," said Cruz, who's been with Freedom Air for 23 years, about 13 years of those as station manager.

The aircraft also temporarily stopped flying to Rota on Mondays and Fridays. Cruz said passengers to and from Rota can still travel between the islands using Cape Air on Mondays and Fridays.

Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) said he hopes that Freedom Air can get its 39-seater aircraft back in the soonest possible time.

"It's affecting tourism on Rota and domestic travel. There are lots of transit passengers that are canceling their flights. Even those who are on medical referral and residents on personal travel are affected," he said. (Haidee V. Eugenio)

## Pinktober is on 11/11/11 this year at Hard Rock

By **CLARISSA V. DAVID**  
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REPORTER

Hard Rock Café Saipan partners again with the Commonwealth Cancer Association in encouraging the community to support breast cancer awareness efforts through the Pinktober event this Friday.

Restaurant and training manager Mikka Valencia said that for this year's Pinktober event, they decided to move it to November and schedule it on the once-per-century date, 11/11/11. Doors will open at 6pm.

Valencia said that Hard Rock International has long been a supporter of international breast cancer awareness efforts, and this would be the second year

that the local Hard Rock is working in partnership with a local group to promote the Pinktober event.

"We owe it to the public," Valencia told *Saipan Tribune*. "Even though we're in a small island, we want to show that we can support organizations like Commonwealth Cancer Association. It's our responsibility to support a good cause."

Valencia said entrance fee costs \$11 per person, which includes one free drink. Choices include Bloody Mary, Salty Dog, draft beer, soda or iced tea.

Happy hour rates will apply throughout the event, Valencia added.

Guests are encouraged to wear pink. They will be treated

to live music entertainment from the 15 performers lined up for the event.

Merchandise featuring the pink ribbon, the international symbol of breast cancer awareness, will also be sold at the event. Buyers can get a 20 percent discount on bracelets, keychains, and t-shirts.

There will be a photo booth by the entrance where guests can have their photo taken for free.

"So far, our ticket sales is doing good," said Valencia. "Over a hundred tickets have been distributed for our staff to sell but we're expecting that many of our guests will buy their tickets at the door."

For more information, call 233-ROCK (7625).

## Revised GOP bylaws grant amnesty to former members

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REPORTER

The NMI Republican Party has revised its existing bylaws to simplify the terms and include a provision granting amnesty to members who had left the party in a bid to bring everybody back to the fold.

The party's bylaws committee chairs, Michael Evangelista and Oscar Rasa, presented the revised bylaws at the general membership meeting held Saturday at the Garapan Central Park.

Evangelista said the 36-page document was trimmed down to just eight pages comprising 12 articles that, among others, provide general amnesty to members who faulted the party.

Under the revised bylaws, an individual can become a member of the party in two ways: through a written application or a verbal declaration of intent to join the party.

For membership termination, however, member can either be

voluntarily separated from the group or involuntarily terminated by the central committee. Involuntary termination deals with members who commit "grievous acts" against the party.

For issues that may arise and are not covered by the bylaws, the group will refer them to the Robert Rules of Orders.

Evangelista explained the highlights of the bylaws articles, including the composition of its board of directors (at least five members that include the first president, first vice president, second vice president, secretary, and treasurer of the group). Article 4, meantime, deals with the selection of committeemen and committeewoman for the Republican National Committee convention, while the selection of candidates for the delegate election is outlined in Article 5.

Members will have until Feb. 15, 2012, to submit nominees for the delegate candidate, in time for the selection on March 10, 2012. Evangelista said the se-

lection of the GOP candidate for U.S. delegate will be conducted simultaneously with GOP parties in American Samoa and the U.S. Virgin Islands as a show of unity among Pacific territories.

Under its bylaws, the central committee shall handle all the CNMI-wide election issues. This group is composed of the board of directors, standing committee chairmen, precinct club chairpersons, and other elected party officials. Evangelista said the central committee will select the candidates for elected office, including the House, Senate, U.S. delegate, and gubernatorial seats.

In the case of primary election, only registered members can vote.

The group, he said, will adopt the national format in holding primary polls where candidates will run individually and those who will emerge as the top voter-getter will become the GOP's official candidate for the gubernatorial election.

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# Club 200 sees slight increase in number of tickets sold

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REPORTER

The number of tickets sold this year for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual American Red Cross Club 200 saw a slight increase compared to last year, according to executive director John Hirsh.

From the 1,354 tickets sold last year, Hirsh said they sold a total of 1,385 this year. Each ticket costs \$100.

Ticket sales for the treasure chest raffle also increased by about 67 percent this year, from \$3,000

last year to \$5,000 this year, Hirsh said. Tickets for the treasure chest cost \$10 each.

He described this year's outcome of the American Red Cross NMI Chapter's biggest fundraising event as "amazing."

"You would think we would've done a lot worse but we did better. We're really pleased. I think, in general, people [on] the islands are very generous and we all know that everyone is always willing to extend their help for people that are in need. Despite suffering and having to make personal sacrifices, people are still willing to reach out and help other

people so that's really nice," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

While the event saw an increase in ticket sales, Hirsh said that their proceeds will be "a bit lower than last year" owing to the reduction in the corporate donations they received.

Hirsh said they used to receive a lot of support from Retirement Fund investment companies, which did not donate this year.

According to Hirsh, they usually get up to \$15,000 from these investment companies. "That's unfortunate," said Hirsh. "We really couldn't have predicted that."

Still, Hirsh said, they're pleased and feel fortunate that the community continues to support the local chapter. He thanked all ticket buyers and sellers, donors, staff, board members, and volunteers for their participation in the event.

"This is really a team effort. That's kind of the nature of how we raise money here in the Commonwealth," he added.

Hirsh said the winners for the Club 200 raffle draw may claim their prizes at the Red Cross office along Airport Road starting Nov. 14. For more information, call 234-3459.

## NMI Crime Stoppers wins int'l media award

The NMI Crime Stoppers program has won the 2011 Crime Stoppers International Media Award, the second consecutive year the CNMI program has won this award.

The 2011 Media Award for Communities Less than 75,000 Award was presented at the Crime Stoppers International Training Conference in Montego Bay, Jamaica. It was for the 30-second commercial produced by Marianas High School students Jessie Savellano, Jessica Estrata, Kevin Jardinerio, Jus-

tin Tenorio, and Kevin Razon and broadcasted by MCV.

Submitted to the NMI Crime Stoppers program in 2010, this playful, musical piece showed some amusing acting accompanied by a Crime Stoppers song. But even with a softer delivery, the message is clear: Report crime anonymously, help law enforcement keep our island safe, and get a reward.

Jan Van Hooten, Crime Stoppers International Awards Committee chair, expressed

the committee's view: "We obviously get a lot of serious video entries for a very serious topic, but this was an upbeat, refreshing approach that still delivered the important Crime Stoppers message."

Over a dozen video commercials were submitted to the local Crime Stoppers Program and the board of directors chose to send this particular video to compete against the other Crime Stoppers programs around the world.

Jim Arenovski, regional director-Western Pacific Crime Stoppers International, will present the award to the local Crime Stoppers program at the group's monthly board meeting later this week.

"This is the second international award for the NMI program and such an award allows our small region to be recognized internationally. It is a credit to the local volunteer board of directors that they continue to promote and keep the program active. We at Crime Stoppers International look forward to more submissions from the Western Pacific programs," said Arenovski.

Sean Frink, chairman of the local NMI Crime Stoppers, said, "It is the NMI Crime Stoppers board's mission to continue to promote our tips lines at 234-7272 and website [www.nmi-crimestoppers.com](http://www.nmi-crimestoppers.com)."

Crime Stoppers offers the public a way to report information crimes while remaining anonymous and get an award if an arrest is made. The NMI program was established in 1989.

"Because of the Crime Stoppers program, the public has provided tips to Crime Stoppers that have helped law enforcement put a number of people behind bars that otherwise would still be on the loose," Frink said. "We urge all residents in the NMI to key an eye and ear out for suspicious activities in their villages and call the police or Crime Stoppers if they see something wrong. We all have a duty to help [the police] in keeping our villages safe from criminals." (*Crime Stoppers*)

## CDA defends incentive program

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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Development Authority is questioning the basis of two pending House bills that seek to amend the qualifying certificate program.

During a meeting Friday, economic development analyst Carline Sablan reported to the board that they have received copies of House Bill 17-168 and House Bill 17-216.

HB 17-168, introduced by Rep. Froilan Tenorio, calls for the repeal of the QC program, except for its administrative and enforcement provisions, since the CNMI "can no longer afford the loss of financial resources" by continuing the program.

HB 17-216, introduced by House Speaker Eli D. Cabrera (R-Saipan), seeks to suspend the QC program for new applicants for three years, except for the administrative and enforcement provisions of the program, which will remain in effect.

"It seems like the biggest concern they [Legislature] have is that the program is supposed to create jobs and expand existing tax base. I guess they don't see that it has done that," Sablan told the board.

Although CDA has yet to submit its comments regarding both bills, Sablan said that CDA staff went to the Legislature in March to explain to lawmakers how the agency administers the program.

The qualifying certificate program, created by the Investment Incentive Act or Public Law 12-32, offers tax incentives to new investors to promote economic development in the CNMI.

To show the cost and benefits of the program, Sablan said they need annual figures from the Division of Revenue and Taxation. However, despite numerous requests in writing, attempts to make appointments, and follow up phone calls, Sablan said that they have yet to hear from the division.

"We need these numbers to show the impact of this program and without it, I don't know how else we can demonstrate that this program has been, in fact, beneficial to our economy," added Sablan.

Executive director Manuel Sablan pointed out that the issue is whether investors will come in without the incentives provided under the QC program. "Obviously, there are other opportunities elsewhere where they can actually put their money. So everybody is trying to attract new investment. The purpose of the QC is to attract new investment, preferably foreign capital," he explained.

Manuel Sablan emphasized that the QC program does not deteriorate the tax base since it does not provide relief to existing companies. Instead, it creates multiplier effects such as providing more job opportunities.

"You don't lose anything with respect to any tax revenue because you don't have anything. But by attracting these new companies to come in and invest and they generate that, it creates a multiplier," he said.

Moreover, Manuel Sablan said the QC program requires "public benefit contribution" from its beneficiaries, thereby generating positive social impact on the islands.

"I don't know how best I can explain this," said Manuel Sablan, adding that they will continue to find ways to advance the QC program and maintain its stability.

For his part, loan manager Oscar Camacho said, "I think it's the difficulty of trying to figure out revenue-generating measures and the easiest way is to beat on the QC because they 'hear' that it's a failure because [they don't see the whole picture]."

Board member Marcie Tomokane urged the CDA administration to continue its efforts to bring in Revenue & Taxation "to give you the other side of the data, to give you a global picture of the program."

"To me, the QC is a good program for new investment, for new investors that were never here in the first place. What have you got to lose? As a matter of fact, you gain by having them bring in their money, build infrastructure, hire employees. Those are the things that the Legislature probably don't see or don't hear or probably don't know," she added.



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### TOURNAMENT PRIZES

Delta Air Lines sales and marketing representatives Chris Concepcion and Esther Sound present Saipan Chamber of Commerce's Richard Pierce and Janice Tenorio with round-trip tickets to the U.S. mainland and Japan for raffle prizes at the SCC Holiday Golf Tournament to be held at Coral Ocean Point on Dec. 17, 2011.

## Payroll for health corporation personnel still under central govt

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REPORTER

Despite it being independent, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation's payroll covering about 600 personnel on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota remains under the Department of Finance.

According to the corporation's chief executive officer, Juan N. Babauta, this is because they still have to set up their own financial system, which would take time to accomplish.

The corporation took over the operations of the Commonwealth Health Center and the Tinian and Rota health centers on Oct. 1.

"The paycheck [for all corpora-

tion personnel] is still being generated out of the Finance Department because we don't have yet a system in place. We need to establish our own financial system for us to be able to generate our own finances, but honestly, it will take time and it cannot be done overnight," he said.

Babauta said it would be irresponsible for the corporation to be cut off immediately from the central government's financial system.

He didn't say as to when the corporation will begin paying for the salaries of its employees. The corporation was given a seed money of only \$5 million.

This, he said, is why he continues to meet with Finance

Secretary Larissa Larson, Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, and the Office of Management and Budget to ensure that corporation personnel will still be paid under the government account.

He said the corporation has already opened a separate bank account and that is where it is starting to redirect some of its revenues.

On Friday, Babauta flew to Tinian and met with Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz regarding the corporation's takeover of the Tinian Health Center. The Rota and Tinian health center used to be under the jurisdiction of municipalities.

Despite the takeover, people still go to their mayors to seek

help with their medical needs. In this respect, Babauta said it is only proper to work with the mayor's office to ensure that people's needs are being addressed.

"Even though the mayor has no direct jurisdiction under the law, we still need to work together to ensure that we deliver healthcare [services] to people," he said.

Babauta also met with THC staff and employees to discuss the corporation's plans and the assessments. Most of the staff's concerns involved financial, management, and administrative issues.

This week, Babauta is scheduled to meet with employees of the Rota Health Center.

Valley Inn eyed as temporary housing for Rota, Tinian patients

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REPORTER

The Northern Marianas Housing Corp. is now working with the Council on Developmental Disabilities and the Northern Marianas Protection and Advocacy Systems, Inc. to make the Valley Inn property compliant with standards for accessible design as required by the American Disabilities Act.

The Valley Inn is a 17-unit apartment rental property in As Lito right across the former Happy Market, which the corporation bought in July, along with the private lot in Koblerville where a proposed junior high school will be built.

“The plan for the Valley Inn would be to house medical referral patients from the islands of Rota and Tinian,” Jacob Muña, NMHC planning administrative assistant, told *Saipan Tribune*.

Muña disclosed that the ADA compliance was “the utmost priority” brought up during a meeting with representatives from the Tinian and Rota guest houses, which are used to accommodate medical referral patients from both neighboring islands.

Based on an initial room inspection, Muña said the units at Valley Inn cannot accommodate wheelchairs and the building itself does not have a ramp entrance.

Muña, during Thursday’s board meeting, said they will start working on the issue by scheduling inspections within the week for ADA compliance.

But Muña noted that the corporation can only do up to 20 percent rehabilitation work at Valley Inn to make it ADA-compliant, so they are looking at having one ADA room each for the east and west sides of the building.

Muña also revealed at the meeting that the management agreement contract for Valley Inn ended Thursday. While his recommendation is to extend it until the end of the month, Muña said he would consult with corporate director Joshua Sasamoto

if the corporation would extend the contract.

Muña reported to the board that 10 tenants have already been relocated since the corporation acquired the property in July.

Two tenants, however, have already asked that they be allowed to extend their stay at Valley Inn. Muña said one tenant “asked the governor” to extend her stay until Nov. 15, which has already been approved by Sasamoto. Another tenant, who’s requesting to extend her stay until Nov. 30, already told the Valley Inn resident manager that he will seek help from the governor about his request.

“I don’t think the governor needs to be bothered by this,” said board chair Marcie Tomokane, who instructed Muña to have all tenant inquiries and requests forwarded to NMHC.

Muña said payment of tenants who extended their stay at Valley Inn are made to NMHC. “Any money that we incur with Valley Inn will go to program income,” he added.

Given the usage of Valley Inn for medical referral patients, Muña said they are trying to meet with Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. chief executive officer Juan N. Babauta to discuss the corporation’s roles and responsibilities in managing the property.

“At this point, we can’t get a meeting scheduled because everything, according to Dr. [Jon Joyner], is on hold at CHC,” Muña informed the board.

Muña is also poised to recommend to the corporation that two of the units at Valley Inn—one two-bedroom unit and one three-bedroom unit—be allocated to visiting specialists since it already has the amenities that they need during their stay on island.

“Instead of having the government pay money to the hotels, at least they could stay here because it’s a full facility,” he said.

Slots still open for Christmas tree decorating contest

By CLARISSA V. DAVID  
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REPORTER

Non-profit group PDM Promoters, Inc. is looking for more schools to fill in the available slots for the 6<sup>th</sup> Christmas Tree Decorating Contest.

Sonia Siwa of PDM Promoters said that 10 schools have so far signed up for the annual contest, which promotes recycling among elementary students in the CNMI.

Last year’s grand prize winner, Golden Harvest International School, will be joined this year by Green Meadow School, Joshua Generation International Academy, Saipan Seventh-Day Adventist School, and the Koblerville, William S. Reyes, Dandan, Garapan, Kagman, and San Antonio elementary schools.

“We’re expecting to have at least 15 schools to participate in this year’s contest, which is the

same number we had last year,” Siwa told *Saipan Tribune*.

Deadline for registration is next Tuesday, Nov. 15.

Siwa said each school will decorate on Nov. 30 a 9-foot tall Christmas tree at the Paseo de Marianas using recycled materials such as empty soda cans, water bottles, and used paper.

Decorated Christmas trees will be judged based on the use of old or used materials, relevance to the theme, attractiveness, creativity and design, and durability.

Siwa said entries will be judged on Dec. 1 at the Paseo de Marianas, coinciding with the Thursday Street Market.

“During the program, we will also light up the giant Christmas Tree in the middle of Paseo de Marianas,” she added.

Winning entries will win up to \$5,000 worth of educational tax credits.

For more information, call 234-6900.



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PRESERVICE ORIENTATION

The CNMI-PSS AmeriCorps program jumpstarted its activities with a preservice orientation held on Rota. Rota’s student members, volunteers, site supervisors, mentor teachers and the program director participated in the two-day training on AmeriCorps, tutoring and mentoring, reading models, service learning, CPR and disaster preparedness in preparation for the program year. The CNMI AmeriCorps program helps students in grades K-8 improve their reading, and serve the community to address education, health, environment, disaster and other needs in the CNMI community. Top row from left: Javil Manglona, principal and SS Sharlene Manglona and Vincent Maratita. Bottom row from left, Lorna Calvo (mentor teacher), Nicky Mateo, Decia Apatang, principal and SS Vanessa Hocog, Wiviyn Barcinas, Daisy Quitugua, Mariana Quitugua, Vanna Hocog, and program director Debbie M. Diaz.

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MARSHA PETER, )  
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Petitioner. )

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on November 10, 2011, at 10:00am in Courtroom 217A, before Associate Judge Perry B. Inos.

Dated this 13th day of October, 2011.

BERNADITA SABLAN  
Clerk of Court

/s/ By: Deputy Clerk of Court

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-v- )  
)  
THERESE LIZAMA SALAS, )  
Defendant. )

CIVIL ACTION NO. 11-0033  
NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Order issued by the Court in this matter on October 14, 2011, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: Lot No. 011 G 459, situated in Kagman III, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 800 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat No. 011 G 09 dated December 1, 1993, Commonwealth Recorder's File No. 93-4176, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Wednesday, November 16, 2011, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

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/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

TO: ALFONSINA M. ARJU and ARJU ARJU

You are in default in your Note dated February 3, 2006, secured by a Mortgage of the same date, executed and delivered by you to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation.

(a) Description of the real property covered by Mortgage:

Lot No. 045 A 031, situated in As Matuis, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 1,123 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 045 A 003 dated July 12, 1989 Commonwealth Recorder's File No. 93-1038, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

(b) Date and amount of Note and Mortgage: February 3, 2006; \$42,500.00

(c) Amount due for principal: \$ 2,389.67 as of January 1, 2011

(d) Amount due for interest: \$ 8,821.97 as of January 1, 2011

(e) Daily accruing interest: \$ 7.07

(f) Late charges \$ 0

If the principal, interest, and late charges \$11,211.64 as of January 1, 2011, plus accruing interest, together with reasonable attorney's fees, are not paid within thirty (30) days from the date of service of this notice upon you, Court proceedings will be commenced against you to foreclose upon the said Mortgage because of the default.

Unless you, within thirty (30) days after receipt of this letter dispute the validity of the claim, or any portion thereof, we will assume that it is valid. If you notify us in writing within this thirty (30) day period that the claim, or any portion thereof, is disputed, we will obtain information on the debt and mail you a copy thereof. Upon your written request within this thirty (30)-day period, we will provide you with the name and address of the original creditor, if different from the creditor indicated above.

This letter is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Ti un kumple i kontratan debimua (Note) ni un fitma gi Febreru 3, 2006, no afabobot i Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ma aseguro i tano yan gumu ni un emena gi mismo dia, un fitma yan un entrega i emena (mortgage) guato gi Northern Marianas Housing Corporation.

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### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

Department of Community and Cultural Affairs deputy secretary Rhonda Nogis, on table, poses with Division of Youth Services staff during a team-building exercise. The Division of Youth Services held its semi-annual Professional Development Training at the Pacific Islands Club on Oct. 12-14. The main topics included DYS' strategic plans for fiscal year 2012, victim rights and services, leadership and management, sexual harassment in the workplace, team-building skills, and communication skills.

### BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS



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Happy 25th birthday to Nina Luisa "Bonita" Bejado Camacho, who is celebrating her birthday today, Nov. 8 2011.



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Belated birthday greetings to Uncle Steven Tomokane, who celebrated his special day on Nov. 7. We love and miss you so much! Greetings come from Esah and Loleen Tomokane.



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Happy 64th birthday to Mary Basa Lizama, who is celebrating her special day today, Nov. 8, 2011! May the Lord bless and guide you each and everyday of your life. We all love you. Enjoy! Greetings come from your lovely children (on Saipan, in Guam, and Washington state), grandchildren (on Saipan, Guam, and Washington state), great grandchild (in Guam), and In-laws (on Saipan, in Guam, and Washington state).



MONETH G. DEPOSA

### NEW GOP PRESIDENT

Sen. Jude Hofschneider, right, congratulates newly elected president of the NMI Republican Party, Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, after a general membership meeting Saturday night at Garapan Central Park. Fitial replaces Juan N. Babauta following the former's resignation Saturday. Babauta wants to devote his time as the new chief executive officer of the healthcare corporation.



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### TOURISM SUMMIT

Hopwood Jr. High School's MY WAVE Club leads the MY WAVE cheer during the MTEC/MY WAVE Tourism Summit held on Oct. 27 at Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan. Approximately 250 students joined the summit, which was intended to educate students on the importance of the Northern Mariana Islands tourism industry and provide working sessions for schools to develop plans to support tourism this school year. The summit was sponsored by the Marianas Tourism Education Council, Marianas Youth Welcome All Visitors Enthusiastically school clubs, Marianas Visitors Authority, and the Public School System.

## Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Nov. 8, 1999

### Rota rejects casino plan

The people of Rota thumbed down Saturday a local initiative that would have paved the way for the establishment of a casino industry in the island-municipality. Unofficial results showed that only 486 voted in favor of the proposed local law, way below the required two-thirds of the 902 votes cast. Likewise, the proposed amendment to the Tinian Casino Gaming Act of 1989 was rejected by the local people in Tinian as only 564 voted "yes" to the initiative. Tinian needed 730 votes of the 1,095 votes cast to be approved.

### Cash-strapped, govt taps private sector for millennium celebration

Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio has sought the assistance and cooperation of the private sector in his plan to welcome the new millennium with a grand celebration aimed at drawing tourists into the Northern Marianas. So far, a proposal to light the stretch of Beach Road from the American Memorial Park to the PIC has been approved by the Marianas Visitors Authority as part of the celebration. There is no information yet on how the CNMI plans to mark the millennium on Dec. 31, although administration officials are trying to identify funding to finance other projects.

Nov. 8, 2000

### NMC beefs up computer literacy programs

The Northern Marianas College this month is introducing short-term computer literacy courses in efforts to better acquaint the community with latest computer applications and programs that would keep them at par with the new demands in the information age. The college will be offering starting tomorrow a session on the basics of Excel, the Microsoft spreadsheet program, which would tackle the essentials in using worksheets, formulas for addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, and percentages and how to link data to Microsoft Word documents.

### First Hawaiian Bank Donates to NMC

The First Hawaiian Bank - Gualo Rai Branch displayed its commitment to help improve the quality of postsecondary education in the CNMI by making a \$1,000.00 donation to Northern Marianas College (NMC) last week. By doing so, First Hawaiian Bank has joined the ranks of concerned private businesses which have chosen to show their community support by contributing valuable financial assistance to NMC, while earning an Education Tax Credit under Public Law 10-73. First Hawaiian Bank is a subsidiary of BancWest Corporation, a bank holding company with total assets of \$16.7 billion whose principal subsidiaries are two full-service community banks, Bank of the West and First Hawaiian Bank.

Nov. 8, 2001

### Value added tax proposed amid crisis

The Division of Solid Waste Management is proposing the implementation of a value added tax, which will be assessed on all consumer products, to defray funding deficits for the eventual closure of the Puerto Rico Dumpsite. According to Solid Waste Program Manager Alberta Carpenter, funding constraint has impaired the immediate closure of the dumpsite. She said the implemented tipping fees will partially subsidize the cost of solid waste operations at the new landfill. However, these funds won't be enough to cover the cost as Capital Improvement Project funds are expected to run out soon. In a presentation made at the Saipan Chamber of Commerce yesterday, Carpenter discussed the proposed Environmental Beautification Tax, a value added tax to be assessed to all consumer products at the point of entry into the Northern Marianas.

### SGMA optimistic on US District Court decision

Saipan Garment Manufacturers Association Executive Director Richard A. Pierce greeted with enthusiasm and optimism the October 29, 2001 U.S. District Court's decision which granted in part and denied in part the defendant's motion to dismiss the class action lawsuit. The case, originally filed on January 14, 1999, had been mired in procedural battles waged while plaintiffs' counsel fought the transfer of the matter to the U.S. District Court located on Saipan. The defendants' motion to dismiss gave the court its first opportunity to comment upon the plaintiffs' theories of recovery. The Court's decision spells further trouble for plaintiffs' beleaguered team.

# Book: The CNMI's coral reef fisheries under threat

» New climate change book looks at impacts and options

The Northern Mariana Islands' coral reef fisheries are under threat from climate change but there are options for sustaining food resources through tuna and aquaculture.

A new book *Vulnerability of Tropical Pacific Fisheries and Aquaculture to Climate Change* claims there will be winners and losers from climate change, and the way Pacific governments react and adapt will be vital.

The book was published by Secretariat of the Pacific Community and was launched at the Conference of the Pacific Community in Noumea yesterday by James Batley, deputy director General of AusAID.

Dr. Johann Bell, a principal fisheries scientist with SPC's Strategic Engagement, Policy and Planning Facility and one of the book's three editors, says the threats for the Northern Mariana Islands are greatest for people who will continue to depend on coral reef fisheries.

"Higher sea temperatures, ocean acidification, and loss of important habitats like coral reefs, seagrass beds, mangroves and intertidal flats are expected

to have a dramatic impact on the fish and shellfish that support many coastal communities," Bell said. "Coral reefs are very likely to suffer a lot of damage due to the changing climate, and coastal communities will have to find new sources of food."

He says the good news is that the Northern Mariana Islands has options—tuna catches are expected to increase in the waters surrounding the territory with climate change.

"As coral reefs decline, communities can transfer some of their fishing effort to tuna by using inshore fish aggregating devices," Bell said. "Higher rainfall levels are also expected to provide new opportunities to grow freshwater fish in ponds."

Arnold Palacios, director of the Northern Mariana Island's Division of Fish and Wildlife, said the Northern Mariana Islands were already taking steps to counter the expected effects of population growth and climate change on food security.

SPC Director-General Dr. Jimmie Rogers said the book is the most comprehensive analysis of the impact of climate change on

Pacific fisheries and aquaculture, and the ecosystems that underpin these vital activities.

"The reality is that there will be countries in the Pacific with increased populations and fewer fish to eat. We ignore the book at our peril because it contains sound scientific analyses, hard-hitting key messages and policy

options," he said. "It gives Pacific leaders the opportunity to look 20 years ahead and plan for the future."

Bell says the final chapter in the book sets out ways that the Pacific nations can adapt to the new circumstances. These include installing more fish aggregating devices to attract tuna closer to shore, encouraging some communities to grow

fish in freshwater ponds, and improving management of mining and forestry industries to prevent sediments and nutrients from spoiling fish habitat.

*Vulnerability of Tropical Pacific Fisheries and Aquaculture to Climate Change* was edited by Johann Bell, Johanna Johnson and Alistair Hobday, with the support of the Australian Agency for Interna-

tional Development, AusAID. It includes contributions from 88 international scientists and took three and a half years to bring together.

The book will be accompanied by a summary for Pacific Island countries and territories designed to provide easy access to the main findings for policy makers and other stakeholders. (SPC)



Children fishing in an estuary in Papua New Guinea.

ERIN MICHELLE SMITH

## Military kids urged to help decorate White House with handmade cards

First Lady Michelle Obama is asking military children from around the globe for some personal contributions to the finishing touches on the White House decorations this holiday season.

The request is for military children to submit 5"x8" handmade holiday cards with words of appreciation for their military parents, as well as pictures and drawings. The White House will display as many of the cards as possible.

Participants are asked to send

holiday cards to the following address along with information from where they are sending it by Nov. 16, 2011:

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Military units, Family Readiness Centers, and youth programs are urged to share this opportunity for military children to express love, admiration, and appreciation for their military parents this holiday season. (PR)

## NMC set to host free Cash for College workshop on Saturday

The Northern Marianas College and College Access Challenge Grant program will be hosting a free "Cash for College" workshop that is aimed at assisting students and their parents in maximizing scholarship opportunities that are available to students seeking to obtain a college education.

The free workshop is on Saturday, Nov. 12, 2011, at the NMC As Terlaje campus in Building A. The workshop will be an ongoing session, so participants can stop by anytime between 9am and 3pm.

Participants will be provided with personal, step-by-step assistance in completing college financial aid forms, focusing especially on forms for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, the Saipan Higher Education Financial Aid, and the CNMI Scholarship.

Staff members from the college's Office of Admissions and Records will also be present to provide information and assistance with the NMC application process.

It is recommended that workshop participants bring a valid form of identification (e.g., a valid U.S. passport, copy of valid application for a U.S. passport, birth certificate, or green card), an official transcript from high school (at least three official copies), tax forms, and proof of CNMI residency for 2009 and 2010, including proof of continuing residency. Applicants for SHEFA should bring a valid U.S. passport, a voter registration card, and proof of vote cast.

For more information, contact the NMC Financial Aid Office at 234-5498 Ext. 1526 or email daisy@nmcnet.edu. (NMC)

**NOUMEA, New Caledonia—** Heads of government, ministers and ambassadors from 22 Pacific Island countries and territories, or PICTs, and Australia, France, New Zealand and the United States are meeting in Noumea, New Caledonia for the start yesterday of the two-day 7th Conference of the Pacific Community.

The theme of the conference is "Climate Change and Food Security – Managing the Risks for Sustainable Development."

Delegates will discuss the impact of climate change on food production and drinking

water—one of the most critical issues facing the Pacific region today.



Rodgers

"Managing risks to food security and reducing exposure to extreme weather events are arguably the most pressing climate change issues confronting Pacific nations," said SPC Director-General Dr. Jimmie Rogers. "The confer-

## Pacific nations discuss climate change impact on food, water



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Managing risks to food security, including water, and reducing exposure to extreme weather events are arguably the most pressing climate change issues confronting Pacific Island countries and territories.

ence will discuss how to deal with the impacts of climate change on sources of food and drinking water."

Representatives from regional and international development agencies and international aid donors are also attending the conference.

The Pacific region's oldest and largest development agency, SPC addresses climate

change through all its technical programs, including those in agriculture, forestry, aquaculture, fisheries, water and sanitation, and disaster risk reduction.

The Conference of the Pacific Community, which meets every two years, is SPC's governing body.

SPC's members include the 22 PICTs it serves: American Samoa, Cook Islands, Feder-

ated States of Micronesia, Fiji, French Polynesia, Guam, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Caledonia, Niue, Northern Mariana Islands, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Pitcairn Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, and Wallis and Futuna, plus its four founding members: Australia, France, New Zealand and the USA. (SPC)

# Opinion

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### EDITORIAL

## Greek lessons

Perhaps the toughest job in Washington today is being a member of the congressional “super committee” trying to slash federal borrowing by at least \$1.2 trillion over the coming decade. To hit that target, members will have to bridge a deep partisan divide over taxes, spending programs and the effect of government spending on the economy. If they have any doubts about the need to cut a deal, however, they should turn their attention to what’s happening on the other side of the Atlantic.

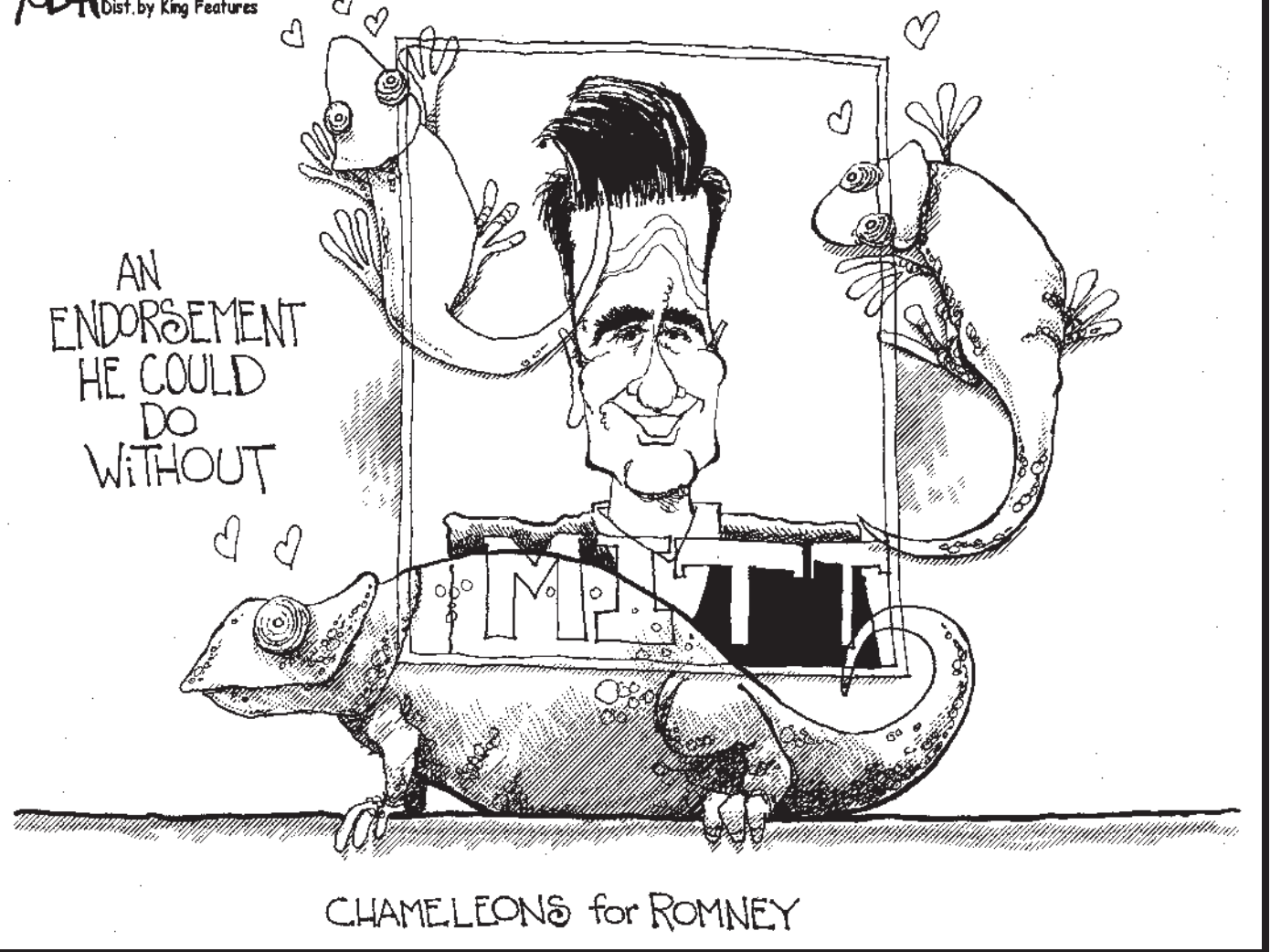
The chances of the committee succeeding seemed to fade last week when its six Democrats and six Republicans released separate proposals that were quickly dismissed by the other party as “a joke” or “not serious.” The reasons for the lack of consensus were distressingly familiar: The GOP wouldn’t countenance tax increases, but without them Democrats wouldn’t accept cuts in Medicaid and Medicare benefits. Should the committee fail, \$1.2 trillion would be cut automatically from the federal budget over the coming decade. More immediately, the display of governmental dysfunction could trigger a potentially damaging downgrade of federal bonds.

While the committee has been deliberating, leaders in Europe have been struggling to contain the damage caused by a potential default by Greece. They agreed last week to a partial bailout for Greece’s creditors, most of which are European banks. But the deal, which was barely adequate at best, is in danger of unraveling because Greek Prime Minister George Papandreou has called for a referendum that would allow Greek voters to reject the deal, and banks are balking at the “voluntary” losses they’ve been urged to take. Global stock markets have plunged, reflecting fears that Greece will default and the debt crisis will spread wider and more chaotically.

The fiscal problems faced in Europe are different from the ones here, but the challenge for policymakers is essentially the same: Having promised the public more than they can reasonably deliver, governments now have to pare back in a way that limits the damage to the economy and spreads the pain equitably. Washington’s short-term deficit problems stem mainly from the recession; the long-term ones are due primarily to rising healthcare costs that are making Medicare and Medicaid unsustainable.

The way forward for the committee has been charted by a series of expert panels that have developed detailed proposals for bringing the federal debt under control. Although their specifics differ, they all call for much more deficit reduction—\$4 trillion—accomplished through program cuts, benefit reductions and tax increases. In other words, the plans call for two things the committee has yet to embrace: a real solution instead of a half measure, and truly shared sacrifice. Last week’s proposal from European leaders didn’t have those qualities either.

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## Ice palace escapade

The snow dusting this week of Changbaishan Nature Reserve, the mountain range with its crystal clear caldera lake that straddles the border between China and North Korea, reminds us of our attempt last year to scale the famous and still pristine (Westin and Sheraton hotels are scheduled to open shop in the neighborhood mid-2012) environs of this northeast China mountain range (Jangbaek to Koreans). The cold limited our mobility.

Eight months before, in our foray to the Yanbian region (Korea in China) and on to Mudanjiang (where Kim Jong Il/Yuri Irsenovich Kim’s private train often stops on its way to Beijing), we huddled into Harbin of the famous winter ice festival. Zhong Yang Da Jie (Central Street), aka Kitaiskaya to the Russians, is open only to pedestrian traffic and during the festival, impressive ice structures are built to snag the attention of a faithful global audience that trek to this part of Dong Bei this time of the year. Harbin was the Moscow of the East at the turn of the last century and the Byzantine architecture on Kitaiskaya, and the Sophia Cathedral, still fascinates Cyrillic script users. The lit ice palaces built outside the train station is a sight to behold!

But travelogue is not our concern in our thoughts of “ice palace.” We are rather stunned by the news that our ex-classroom buddy-teacher at SVES, Raymond Palacios, was indicted on charges of allegedly selling methamphetamine, aka “crystal meth,” “ice,” “glass,” “shabu,” etc. The drug is FDA approved medical treatment for ADHD and exogenous obesity (short term). It is effective for narcolepsy (a disorder of too much sleep). Otherwise, it is banned for recreational and other use, and that is where its commercial allure lies.

But first, Ray. Before he became the lower house’s chair on Education, Ray taught Chamorro to my sixth-grade students, teaching them songs. He even strummed a version of Pinoy Freddie Aguilar’s Asia-popular *Anak*, which immediately caught my fancy. When his steel guitar’s string broke on occasion, I let him use my musical instrument to aid his teaching. Before he became a legislator, Ray in my classroom was just another artist with unruly longish hair and nicotine-colored finger nails, strumming and crooning

*Famagu’ on mangga’ chong-hu*  
*Nihi ya ta faneskuela*  
*Ya ta tungo’ todusih*  
*Ayo i manmafa’ n[ ]gue-ta.*

The news report that after his arraignment Ray came out smiling is par for the course with the laidback guy we knew some moons ago.

Now, a word on our familiarity with “meth.” Not much at the experiential level though, we will confess that we are not totally ignorant of its effects. We tried twice (yes, on Saipan) and we will not feign the WH “we-did-not-inhale” excuse. Crystal meth “increases

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alertness, energy, concentration, and in some dosage, may induce euphoria, enhance self-esteem and increase libido.” That’s not Park Ave. ad exaggeration!

The drug’s pedigree goes back to Japan when the common cold medicine ingredient ephedrine was synthesized, and when found to be an endurance pill, used by combatants of both sides during Word War II. It was used in the U.S. after the ’60s, especially among suburban ladies, to reduce appetite for weight loss. But for psychological side effects, addictive character, and the fear for the wider implication of frequent and massive use, it could easily be a miracle drug; instead, it is a Victorian victim of our propensity to criminalize what promises too much pleasure. Its wide popularity, however, did not wane.

With the commercialization of pleasure, and the promise of escape from the dread of ordinary existence to the waiting arms of paradise in our head-trips and libidos, it did not take long before meth took the fancy of the low-income segment of society. Thus, in the mid-’70s, in the impoverished communities in the central islands of the Philippines, we encountered the abuse of “shabu,” the crude homemade version of meth. Today, the country counts eight of every 100 of its citizens as users.

“I do not know of anyone—half of our public officials—who has not tried meth,” a PSS educator once confided, “and many of our colleagues in high places are still on it.” Ray Palacios is only the latest of a string of highly placed officials in the CNMI accused of leaving their fingerprints on the “ice” jar! My confidant’s statistics does not appear to be off target. The drug is garnish at the feast table of the glitterati.

In a culture where we pop a pill for the slightest discomfort of a cold and/or a headache, and ignore addiction to alcohol, caffeine, and nicotine, we are transmitting two conflicting images by criminalizing other drug use. There is no mystery that meth’s popularity, alarming among our young adult professionals, remains a real challenge for those who want to realistically deal with the situation, with the fundamental issue of life choices and responsible life style, rather than moralistic increase of budgetary allocation for the correction facilities, mostly reserved for those who cannot afford the habit and are caught in petty, though often violent, crimes.

For Ray, he has time to reflect. He owes himself that much!

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## ‘Arrested’ development: Our friend Ray

*Author's Note: This is a shared piece between co-workers including myself, Jimmy "Big Tuna" Sablan, program manager; Thomas Thornburgh, projects specialist; and Greg P. Borja, projects specialist.*

We were forewarned (by some concerned) not to write about this topic or to associate with this issue and this person in light of the allegations against him and the ever unpopular matter of “ice” in our community. It should come as no surprise, though, that we choose to walk into the fire rather than away from it as someone we care about is being engulfed.

It is with a heavy heart that we’ve been following the media takes and anonymous blogging on the recent arrest of our friend, Ray Palacios. While shocking to see in the headlines, it would be disingenuous (at best) for us to claim that we didn’t at least suspect our friend of struggling with something along the lines of an addiction. We doubt very much that his colleagues and others who know him didn’t have the same suspicions, though we hedged our bets on him playing those damn poker machines a little too much—what with the random calls or stop-bys to borrow 20 dollars here and there. “What kind of a congressman are you?” we’d often joke. “Don’t they pay you enough at the Legislature?” The fact is that he was consistently broke, so I’m not surprised that he can’t afford a lawyer. We always figured that he blew much of what he got on poker, but in addition we also knew that he could never say no to anyone who asked him for anything. He is quite literally the kind of guy who would give the shirt off his back to someone in need. I suspect his voting constituents know better than I what I’m talking about.

So, if in fact, the allegations of his involvement with and use of

crystal methamphetamine (i.e., “ice”) are true, then this unequivocally is yet another sad cliché of a good man falling due to the trapings and allures of the ugly disease that is drug-addiction. To be clear, this is not an excuse or some woe-is-me attempt to win him sympathy points. We all know the ugly truth about crystal meth in our communities, so the consequences for any perpetuation of it need to be harsh. As a citizen, our friend must get his day in court (regardless of public opinion) and, as a man, he and he alone will need to face the consequences of his choices—may he receive a fair and just trial.

If ever there was a prevailing message that we have to convey in our capacity as advocates with the Northern Marianas Protection & Advocacy Systems, Inc. or NMPASI, it’s that we are individually accountable for our selves and for our own actions, whether or not we have a disability. All we can do is clear a path through unwanted discrimination and other such barriers or point the way toward appropriate services, but we can’t make anyone follow. As for addictions (whether it be for gambling, narcotics and/or alcohol), most recovering addicts are often happy to share and commune with others in the same struggle both in order to help, but also to keep themselves reminded of the pitfalls inherent in the choice to use or play. And, most have fallen in the most heart-wrenching, dramatic fashions before they chose a different path...very few walk away unscathed. Fortunately, help is available locally through the efforts of some good people at the Division of Mental Health/Community Guidance Center, but going there is still a choice. For some, you may as well be pulling their teeth to have them make that choice, so they remain stuck in a brutal conflict with themselves—in a state of arrested development, if you will.

## The zombies with six legs

As the popularity of vampires wanes, zombies seem to be coming into their moment. “The Walking Dead” has become a hit show on AMC. Atlanta is trying to claim the title of Zombie Capital of the World. Even the federal government is getting in on the action: This year the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention posted instructions about emergency preparedness by warning about a “Zombie Apocalypse.”

But when it comes to wandering around mindlessly, feasting on brains and generally creeping out the populace, the champion zombies haven’t been drawn from human ranks. They have six legs and have been perfecting their skills for millions of years. Insects routinely do things too grotesque for even the most gruesome horror film, and along the way make us question some of our assumptions about what it means to be alive. Or, for that matter, undead.

The best examples come from wasps engaged in the nurturing task of providing food for their babies. Wasp larvae eat meat, but the mother wasp often doesn’t live long enough after she lays her eggs to ferry prey back and forth to her growing brood. What is more, the prey, usually other insects or spiders, need to be kept fresh while the wasp larvae feed, since no one, not even young wasps, wants to eat rotting insect flesh.

To solve this problem, the tiny emerald jewel wasp does what many apartment dwellers might like to do: direct the movements of a cockroach. The wasp provisions her young by paralyzing the roach and bringing it back to the nest. The paralysis, as opposed to out-and-out killing, helps the prey stay fresh while the young wasp larvae feast on it. Of course, paralyzed insects can’t put themselves into the nest, so wasps usually have to do all the heavy lifting, staggering under the weight of the groceries as they fly back to the young.

Except, that is, in the case of the jewel wasp, so named for the glittery green of her exoskeleton. The female wasp doesn’t send the roach into an immobile stupor; instead, she makes it into a zombie via a judicious sting inside the roach’s head that leaves the insect passive but able to walk on its own. Then, as science writer Carl Zimmer describes, “the wasp takes hold of one of the roach’s antennae and leads it, like a dog on a leash, to its doom.”

For years scientists were mystified about the precision of this sinister manipulation of the nervous system. How could a single injection of venom manage to produce what neuroscientists Ram Gal and Frederic Libersat called “a living yet docile” victim? Finally, last year, through a series of meticulous manipulations

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of the cockroach nervous system, including a kind of sting-mimicking injection at various nerve cells in the head, the researchers demonstrated that the drive to walk in response to most stimuli is seated in a tiny cluster of cells called the sub-esophageal ganglia. By poisoning just this minuscule part of the nervous system, the wasp is able, in Gal and Libersat’s words, to “hijack the cockroach’s free will.”

Zimmer refers to the discovery as finding “the seat of the cockroach soul.” I am not sure I buy the idea that roaches have souls to be found, nor that free will is residing in all those cockroaches lucky enough to miss an encounter with a jewel wasp, but then I am not sure about either of those things in humans, either.

Still, the finding is fascinating. If we can so completely alter a roach’s motivation to walk by throwing a monkey wrench into a couple of cells, what does that tell us about the nature of motivation?

Another case of arthropod subjugation was discovered by a group of scientists in Brazil. The prey in this case is a caterpillar, upon which the wasp lays her eggs; once the wasp larvae hatch, they feed on its flesh while the caterpillar continues to munch leaves on its own. But the parasitized caterpillar makes an unwitting sacrifice even after the wasp larvae have emerged from their host. The ravaged caterpillar stands guard over the developing wasps and defends them against intruders with vigorous swings of its body, a most un-caterpillar like behavior. Apparently the wasps exert a kind of mind control over their caterpillar host that persists even after they leave it, doomed to die before it will ever become a moth.

The zombie insects illustrate one of my favorite principles about the six-legged: Anything we can do, they can do better, or at least with less equipment. They require no laboratory with bubbling beakers, no deals with the devil. And they also provide fodder for creativity. This year, if you want to dress like a zombie for Halloween, consider dressing up as a cockroach.

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*Special to the Saipan Tribune*

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Someone told me once that “if you’re trying to learn about the plague, you first have to go to where the plague is most prevalent.” In terms of addictions, if you want to learn more about them, you need to go where the addicts convene (preferably with the ones recovering say at A.A. or N.A. or G.A., the gateways out of the vicious, downward-spiraling cycle). For addicts, the enemy is always at the gate and the best defense is a good offense—keep your friends close but keep your enemies closer. Simply pretending that the enemy doesn’t exist keeps you vulnerable.

Everything that addicts need to know is readily available with multiple support systems and various people eagerly waiting to pick them up no matter how far they’ve fallen. No doubt, we all make mistakes. The only question is, can or will we learn from them?

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## Letter to the Editor

### Huh?

About two weeks ago, the Commissioner of Public Safety issued a press release outlining his vision for the transformation of the Department of Public Safety. The commissioner’s views on serve and protect appears like an executive summary of a lengthy report on crime fighting. I am glad that the commissioner is serious about his mission to making changes in the Department of Public Safety. The commissioner suggested that crime fighting is like a three-legged stool. While he emphasized “the community” as one of the responsibility centers, we need to find out from the commissioner how this entity would tie in with the other responsibility centers he ascribed in his manifesto. In other words, it is time to get down to the details of the rubrics so that each of the legs of the stool would be positioned for the eventual processes of transforming public safety in the CNMI. If the commissioner does not put these into a working document and plan, his idyllic manifesto would be nothing more than rhetoric. We should now ask the commissioner for the details of his vision. As the old saying goes, the devil is in the details.

The other problem with the commissioner’s manifesto was the difficulty in reading it. Applying the Flesch-Kincaid readability formula indicated that the readability level of the press release was close to a graduate degree. Using the Smog Readability Formula also show the same results. The commissioner may have missed the opportunity to express his point of view effectively because the majority of the general public may have lost interest in what the commissioner had in mind. After carefully analyzing what percentage of the general public that read and understood the commissioner’s press release, it is not surprising that only 10 percent of the total CNMI population read and understood the commissioner. If we look closely at the education level of the workforce in the Department of Public Safety, it is not surprising either that the commissioner may have written to himself as only a handful of the staff may have total comprehension as to what the commissioner was saying in his manifesto. This is troubling but, nonetheless, the commissioner for sure has his work cut up for him.






Until we are able to figure out how the “community” can pitch in, and translating what the commissioner presented as his mission, we should wait for the commissioner and the Department of Public Safety to take us to the next step. And, so let us do it.

**Francisco R. Agulto**  
*Chalan Kanoa, Saipan*

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# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				
Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. East winds 5 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. East winds 5 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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### Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	▲ 83 ▼ 78
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲ 87 ▼ 77
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲ 87 ▼ 77
Chuuk	Rain	▲ 83 ▼ 77
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲ 85 ▼ 73
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲ 87 ▼ 75
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲ 84 ▼ 77

### Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲ 67 ▼ 60
Beijing	Sunny	▲ 57 ▼ 34
Hong Kong	Showers	▲ 71 ▼ 66
Honolulu	Showers	▲ 83 ▼ 74
London	Cloudy	▲ 55 ▼ 52
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲ 65 ▼ 46
Manila	Thundershowers	▲ 87 ▼ 76
Melbourne	Thundershowers	▲ 81 ▼ 60
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲ 81 ▼ 69
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲ 66 ▼ 45
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲ 66 ▼ 53
Paris	Cloudy	▲ 54 ▼ 48
Pusan	Showers	▲ 65 ▼ 57
Rome	Partly Cloudy	▲ 70 ▼ 53
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲ 53 ▼ 45
San Francisco	Sunny	▲ 62 ▼ 48
Seoul	Sunny	▲ 64 ▼ 47
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲ 62 ▼ 53
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲ 66 ▼ 46

### Tides

Saipan Harbor			
12:01 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet
6:30 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.6 Feet
12:05 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.9 Feet
5:38 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet

### Yesterday's Satellite Image



**PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2011**  
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Trade-wind convergence is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms across Yap and Chuuk states between 3N and 9N from 135E to 156E. A surface trough extends from 6N167E to 12N174E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms associated with the trough is located near Kwajalein between 5N from 11N from 160E to 169E. An upper-level trough stretches from near 25N161E to 9N142E to 6N131E upper-level divergence is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms between 10N and 13N from 150E to 160E.

### Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:15 AM	5:46 PM
Wednesday	6:16 AM	5:46 PM
Thursday	6:16 AM	5:45 PM
Friday	6:17 AM	5:45 PM
Saturday	6:17 AM	5:45 PM

### Moonrise/Moonset

Today	3:54 PM	3:54 AM
Wednesday	4:33 PM	4:42 AM
Thursday	5:14 PM	5:30 AM
Friday	5:58 PM	6:20 AM
Saturday	6:45 PM	7:11 AM

## FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF OCTOBER 5, 2011

DEPARTURES	ARRIVALS
<b>GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)</b> C05062 2:20am 2:50am 1, 5	<b>ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)</b> C05064 5:30am 6:00am 1, 5
<b>SAIPAN (SPN)-ROTA (ROP)</b> C05064 4:25am 5:00am 1, 5	<b>ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN (SPN)</b> C05062 3:20am 3:55am 1, 5
<b>SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)</b> C05070 4:25am 5:15am 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 C05064 4:25am 6:00am 1, 5 via ROP 5K384 7:20am 8:10am 2, 6 C05068 7:55am 8:45am 3, 6 C05068 8:30am 9:20am 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 C05074 12:10pm 1:00pm 1, 4, 5, 7 C05076 3:05pm 3:55pm 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 5K386 5:50pm 6:40pm 3, 4, 7 C05078 6:35pm 7:25pm Daily 5K382 9:20pm 10:10pm 1, 5 C05072 9:35pm 10:25pm Daily	<b>GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN</b> C05062 2:20am 3:55am 1, 5 via ROP C05069 2:45am 3:35am 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 5K387 6:30am 7:20am 1, 3, 4, 5, 7 C05071 6:35am 7:25am 3, 6 C05071 7:00am 7:50am 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 C05073 10:05am 10:55am 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 C05075 1:40pm 2:30pm 1, 4, 5, 7 C05077 5:10pm 6:00pm Daily 5K383 6:30pm 7:20pm 2, 6 C05079 8:10pm 9:00pm Daily
<b>SAIPAN-NAGOYA (NGO)</b> 5K212 8:20am 10:55am 4, 7	<b>NAGOYA (NGO)-SAIPAN</b> 5K213 11:55am 4:25pm 4, 7
<b>SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)</b> DL287 6:05am 8:45am Daily DL297 4:35pm 7:15pm Daily	<b>NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN</b> DL298 10:25am 3:00pm Daily DL288 8:05pm 12:35am+1 Daily
<b>SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)</b> OZ606 2:20am 6:00am 1 OZ606 2:50am 6:30am 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 OZ604 3:30pm 7:00pm 2, 4, 6, 7	<b>SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN</b> OZ603 9:00am 2:30pm 2, 4, 6, 7 OZ605 7:40pm 1:10am+1 7 OZ605 8:10pm 1:40am+1 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
<b>SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)</b> 3U8646 4:20am 7:30am 2, 6	<b>GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN</b> 3U8645 7:40pm 3:00am+1 1, 5
<b>SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)</b> 3U8648 6:05am 8:30am 1, 5	<b>SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN</b> 3U8647 10:40pm 5:00am+1 4, 7
<b>SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)</b> OZ606/701 2:20am 11:15am 1 via ICN OZ606/701 2:50am 11:15am 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN  C05070/191 4:25am 9:45am 3, 6 via GUM DL287/173 6:05am 10:10pm Daily via NRT C05068/183 7:55am 8:40pm 3, 6 via GUM C05076/183 3:05pm 8:40pm 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 via GUM  C05076/193 3:05pm 10:10pm 2, 5 via GUM-Palau C05072/PR111 9:30pm 7:50am 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	<b>MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN</b> OZ704/603 12:10am 2:30pm 2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN  DL172/288 7:55am 12:35am+1 Daily via NRT C0190/5079 10:55am 9:00pm 3, 6 via GUM OZ702/605 12:35pm 1:10am+1 7 via ICN OZ702/605 12:35pm 1:40am+1 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN  C0192/5071 9:55pm 7:50am+1 2, 5 via GUM-Palau PR110/C05071 10:00pm 7:25am+1 5 via GUM PR110/C05071 10:00pm 7:50am+1 1, 3, 6, 7 via GUM  C0184/5071 10:55pm 7:25am+1 3, 6 via GUM C0184/5071 10:55pm 7:50am+1 1, 4, 7 via GUM C0184/5071 11:25pm 7:50am+1 2, 5 via GUM
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FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
<b>Rota-Saipan</b>				FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
<b>Guam-Rota</b>				FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
<b>Rota-Saipan</b>							
FRE 400	17:50	18:20	Daily	<b>Tinian-Saipan</b>			
<b>Saipan-Rota</b>				FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
<b>Rota-Guam</b>				FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
<b>Saipan-Rota</b>				FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
<b>Saipan-Tinian</b>				FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
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# Business

## Initial agreement reached in Greece power-sharing

**ATHENS, Greece (AP)**—Greece's embattled prime minister and main opposition leader agreed Sunday to form an interim government to ensure the country's new European debt deal and oversee early elections, capping a week of political turmoil that saw Greece facing a catastrophic default and threatening its euro membership.

Greek leaders had been anxious to end a severe political crisis with some positive result before Monday, when the country heads to a meeting of eurozone finance ministers in Brussels. The initial agreement, which will see Prime Minister George Papandreou step down, came after a week of drama sparked by his announcement he was taking the debt deal to a referendum. He withdrew that plan Thursday after intense opposition from European leaders and his own Socialist lawmakers, many of whom called for him to resign.

Papandreou "has already stated he will not lead the new government," the statement from the president's office said.

He is to meet again Monday with opposition leader Antonis Samaras to seek agreement on who will head the new government and who will be included in its Cabinet, the president's office said.

A planned meeting with the leaders of all political parties represented in parliament, which was to take place Monday evening, was canceled after parliament's two leftist parties refused to attend, the office said.



Greece's Prime Minister George Papandreou, left, Greek President Karolos Papoulias, center and opposition leader Antonis Samaras sit at the Presidential Palace in Athens on Sunday, Nov. 6 2011. AP

ment's two leftist parties refused to attend, the office said.

The statement came after a late-night meeting between Papandreou and Samaras called by President Karolos Papoulias to end a two-day deadlock. Direct talks had failed to get off the ground as Papandreou had agreed to step aside but only after power-sharing talks settled on a new government makeup, and Samaras insisted he wanted snap elections and would not start negotiations unless Papandreou resigned first.

An opposition conservative party official said Samaras'

party is "absolutely satisfied" with the outcome of the talks and that party officials were to hold meetings late Sunday night with Finance Minister Evangelos Venizelos and his advisers to discuss how long it would take to finalize the new debt deal and when elections could be held.

"Our two targets, for Mr. Papandreou to resign and for elections to be held, have been met," the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss the process.

The crisis was sparked after Papandreou's shock announcement on Oct. 31 that he wanted

to put a new European debt deal aimed at rescuing his country's economy to a referendum. That plan caused an uproar in Europe, with the leaders of France and Germany saying any popular vote in Greece would decide whether the country would remain in the euro. European officials also said the country would not receive the vital euro8 billion euro installment of its existing euro110 billion bailout until the uncertainty in Athens was over.

Papandreou's announcement also spooked international markets, leading stock markets to

tumble and led to calls in Greece for Papandreou's resignation—even from among his own Socialist lawmakers and ministers—with many saying he had endangered Greece's bailout.

The prime minister withdrew the referendum plan on Thursday, after Samaras indicated his party would back the new debt deal, which was agreed upon after marathon negotiations in Europe on Oct. 27.

Greece has been surviving since May 2010 on its initial bailout. But its financial crisis was so severe that a second rescue was needed as the country remained

locked out of international bond markets by sky-high interest rates and facing an unsustainable national debt increase.

The new European deal, agreed on by the 27-nation bloc on Oct. 27 after marathon negotiations, would give Greece an additional euro130 billion (\$179 billion) in rescue loans and bank support. It would also see banks write off 50 percent of Greek debt, worth some euro100 billion (\$138 billion). The goal is to reduce Greece's debts to the point where the country is able to handle its finances without relying on constant bailouts.

Greece's lawmakers must now approve the new rescue deal, putting intense pressure on the country's leaders to swiftly end the political crisis so parliament can convene and put the debt agreement to a vote.

"We know that there can be no elections now," Papandreou had said during an earlier emergency Cabinet meeting, noting that snap polls would delay the approval of the new debt deal. "This cooperation, however, is necessary and will be beneficial for the climate in our country and internationally."

In return for bailout money, Greece was forced to embark on a punishing program of tax increases and cuts in pensions and salaries that sent Papandreou's popularity plummeting and his majority in parliament whittled down from a comfortable 10 seats to just three.

## Brazil, China, and other emerging markets trail US

**NEW YORK (AP)**—It sounded like a can't-miss proposition: Buy the winners, drop the losers.

Developing countries from Brazil to China are expanding much faster than aging economies in the U.S. and Europe, where borrowing during the boom years has been a drag on growth. So the smart money bought stocks in emerging markets, expecting that rapid economic expansion there would provide better rewards. This year, that bet hasn't worked out.

The broadest measure of U.S. stocks, the Standard & Poor's 500 index, is down just 0.4 percent this year. Markets in Brazil, China and the like have lagged far behind, even though their economies are still growing faster than the U.S.

"If you were anywhere in the world other than in the S&P 500 this year, you got crushed," said Greg Peterson, director of research at Ballentine Partners, an investment advisory firm.

The main reason emerging market stocks have suffered deeper losses isn't because their economies are suddenly sluggish. Analysts say it's because people have been worried about the European debt crisis and a possible recession in the U.S. It may seem

unfair, but when fear of another financial crisis strikes money managers, they tend to flee emerging markets and stay closer to home.

This summer, panicked money managers dropped the most risky investments first. That meant bonds from deeply indebted countries like Italy and Portugal, small companies in the U.S. and emerging market stocks got hit the hardest. Even gold, an asset normally considered safe, dropped as traders shifted money into dollars.

"There was a globalization of fear," says Nathalie Wallace, a senior portfolio manager at Battery-march Financial Management.

The same thing happened when the U.S. financial crisis hit in 2008. The S&P 500 fell 38.5 percent for the year. But the MSCI Emerging Market index, made up of countries where the banks didn't peddle subprime mortgage bonds, plummeted 47.3 percent.

"Anytime you see risk and fear coming, you see emerging markets get hit a bit more," Wallace says. "It doesn't mean the underlying fundamentals of the economy have changed."

Consider the collection of emerging-market rising stars known as the BRICs, which stands for Brazil, Russia, India and China. All have economies

whose growth exceeds the U.S.

■ **Brazil:** The economy has expanded 3.1 percent over the past year. The benchmark Bovespa has lost 15.3 percent.

■ **Russia:** Economic growth of 5.1 percent. The Micex has dropped 11.1 percent this year even after a 10 percent rebound in the past month.

■ **India:** Economic growth of 7.7 percent. The BSE Sensex index is down 14.4 percent.

■ **China:** Economic growth of 9.1 percent. The Shanghai Composite has slumped 10 percent this year.

By contrast, the U.S. economy has expanded 1.6 percent over the past 12 months. That's sluggish compared to the developing world's stars. And worries that the U.S. could slip into a recession, or that Europe's debt crisis could tip it into one, have weighed on investors for months. Even after those fears dragged down stocks nearly 20 percent in a month, the S&P 500 outshines indexes in nearly all of the world's fastest growing economies.

In fact, if you rank the U.S. against emerging markets this year, it places ahead of 20 countries and behind just one, Indonesia.

China and other emerging

markets long relied on shipping toys, timber and other goods to consumers in the U.S. and Europe. Trade helped them grow. But that has a downside, says Tim Morris, a portfolio manager at J.P. Morgan's asset management unit. When a small country hitches its fortunes to U.S. shoppers, it's bound to suffer when the U.S. economy slows down.

A related problem for many emerging market countries is that they're dominated by energy and material producers, the type of companies most vulnerable to a global slowdown. Todd Henry, an emerging markets equity specialist at T. Rowe Price, points to Brazil, a country that isn't as dependent on exports for growth. "It's a relatively closed economy," Henry says. "But commodity and energy companies make up a large part of their stock market. So if the world is slowing down, that gets priced in."

The largest company in Brazil's stock index is the oil giant Petrobras. When the U.S. economy looks weak, the price of oil falls and the companies that sell oil fall, too. That pushes down Petrobras, which tugs on the Bovespa. In other words, when the U.S. has the sniffles, Brazil's stock market still catches a cold.

## United Continental selects Panasonic to install Wi-Fi

**CHICAGO**—United Continental Holdings, Inc. (NYSE: UAL) yesterday announced that it has selected Panasonic Avionics Corporation to provide Wi-Fi connectivity on more than 300 United Airlines and Continental Airlines mainline aircraft beginning in mid-2012.

Panasonic's Ku-band satellite technology offers faster speed than air-to-ground technology (ATG) and will provide connectivity on flights worldwide. The

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system will also enable wireless streaming of video content.

"Our customers tell us they value Wi-Fi," said Jim Compton, United's executive vice president and chief revenue officer. "As a global carrier, we selected satellite-based Ku-band technology to enable customers to stay connected on long-haul overseas flights, something no other U.S.-based international carrier currently offers."

Paul Margis, chief executive officer for Panasonic Avionics Corporation said, "Panasonic is honored that United Continen-

tal Holdings selected our Global Communications Suite for more than 300 aircraft in its domestic and international fleets. United Continental Holdings has an exciting vision about how to leverage Ku technology within its fleets, and we are thrilled to be working with them on a connectivity experience that sets a new standard in in-flight entertainment and communications."

United Continental Holdings expects to install the Panasonic system on Airbus 319 and 320 and Boeing 747, 757, 767, 777, and 787 aircraft. Customers will be able to use their wireless devices such as laptops, smart phones and tablets onboard those aircraft to connect with internet service using the in-flight hotspot.

United Continental Holdings expects the entire mainline fleet will be equipped with Wi-Fi by 2015. Continental Airlines previously announced plans to install satellite-based Wi-Fi on more than 200 DIRECTV®-equipped aircraft beginning in 2012. **(United Continental)**

# Nation

## Big quake follows increase in Oklahoma rumblings

**SPARKS, Okla. (AP)**—Clouds of dust belched from the corners of almost every room in Joe Reneau's house as the biggest earthquake in Oklahoma history rocked the two-story building.

A roar that sounded like a jumbo jet filled the air, and Reneau's red-brick chimney collapsed and fell into the roof above the living room. By the time the shaking stopped, a pantry worth of food had been strewn across the kitchen and shards of glass and pottery covered the floor.

"It was like WHAM!" said Reneau, 75, gesturing with swipes of his arms. "I thought in my mind the house would stand, but then again, maybe not."

The magnitude 5.6 earthquake and its aftershocks still had residents rattled Sunday.

Two minor injuries were reported from Saturday's quakes by the Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management, which said neither person was hospitalized. And, aside from a buckled highway and the collapse of a tower on the St. Gregory's University administration building in Shawnee, no major damage was reported.

But the weekend earthquakes were among the strongest yet in a state that has seen a dramatic, unexplained increase in seismic activity.

Oklahoma typically had about 50 earthquakes a year until 2009.



Jess Burrow, left, and James Patterson, look over the damage caused outside the home of Joe and Mary Reneau when their chimney was toppled by Saturday's earthquake, in Sparks, Okla., Sunday, Nov. 6, 2011.

Then the number spiked, and 1,047 quakes shook the state last year, prompting researchers to install seismographs in the area. Still, most of the earthquakes have been small.

Saturday night's big one jolted Oklahoma State University's stadium shortly after the No. 3 Cowboys defeated No. 17 Kansas State. Fans were still leaving the game.

"That shook up the place, had a lot of people nervous," Oklahoma State wide receiver Justin

Blackmon said.

The temblor sent Jesse Richards' wife running outside because she thought their home was going to collapse. The earthquake centered near their home in Sparks, 44 miles northeast of Oklahoma City, could be felt throughout the state and in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, northern Texas and some parts of Illinois and Wisconsin.

Richards estimated it lasted for as much as a minute. One of his wife's cookie jars fell on the

floor and shattered, and pictures hanging in their living room were knocked askew.

"We've been here 18 years, and it's getting to be a regular occurrence," said Richards, 50. But, he added, "I hope I never get used to them."

Geologists now believe a magnitude 4.7 earthquake Saturday morning was a foreshock to the bigger one that followed that night. They recorded at least 10 aftershocks by midmorning Sunday and expected more. Two of the aftershocks, at 4 a.m. and 9 a.m., were big, magnitude 4.0.

"We will definitely continue to see aftershocks, as we've already seen aftershocks from this one," said Paul Earle, a seismologist with the U.S. Geological Survey

in Golden, Colo. "We will see aftershocks in the days and weeks to come, possibly even months."

Brad Collins, the spokesman for St. Gregory's University in Shawnee, said one of the four

towers on its "castle-looking" administration building collapsed in the big earthquake and the other three towers were damaged. He estimated the towers were about 25 feet tall.

## Survey: Sexual harassment pervasive in grades 7-12

**NEW YORK (AP)**—It can be a malicious rumor whispered in the hallway, a lewd photo arriving by cell phone, hands groping where they shouldn't. Added up, it's an epidemic—student-on-student sexual harassment that is pervasive in America's middle schools and high schools.

During the 2010-11 school year, 48 percent of students in grades 7-12 experienced some form of sexual harassment in person or electronically via texting, email and social media, according to a major national survey being released Monday by the American Association of University Women.

The harassers often thought they were being funny, but the consequences for their targets can be wrenching, according to the survey. Nearly a third of the victims said the harassment made them feel sick to their stomach, affected their study habits or fueled reluctance to go to school at all.

"It's reached a level where it's almost a normal part of the school day," said one of the report's co-authors, AAUW director of research Catherine Hill. "It's somewhat of a vicious cycle. The kids who are harassers often have been ha-

arrassed themselves."

The survey, conducted in May and June, asked 1,002 girls and 963 boys from public and private schools nationwide whether they had experienced any of various forms of sexual harassment. These included having someone make unwelcome sexual comments about them, being called gay or lesbian in a negative way, being touched in an unwelcome sexual way, being shown sexual pictures they didn't want to see, and being the subject of unwelcome sexual rumors.

The survey quoted one ninth-grade girl as saying she was called a whore "because I have many friends that are boys." A 12th-grade boy said schoolmates circulated an image showing his face attached to an animal having sex.

In all, 56 percent of the girls and 40 percent of the boys said they had experienced at least one incident of sexual harassment during the school year.

After being harassed, half of the targeted students did nothing about it. Of the rest, some talked to parents or friends, but only 9 percent reported the incident to a teacher, guidance counselor or other adult at school, according to the survey.

## Racial politics return with Cain allegations

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—Herman Cain's rise as a presidential contender was supposed to prove that race didn't matter in the Republican Party. Cain is fast making it the only thing that does.

The black conservative is trying to navigate around allegations that he sexually harassed at least three women, implying that the accusations surfaced because he is black. Hours after the claims were reported, Cain's supporters branded his trouble a "high-tech lynching." That's the term coined 20 years ago by another black conservative, Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, after his confirmation hearings for the court were rocked by allegations of sexual harassment.

Cain's supporters have pinned blame on a white GOP presidential rival, on liberals afraid of a "strong black conservative" and on mainstream media interested in "guilty until proven innocent." But by playing the race card with the Thomas precedent, his backers belied the "post-racial" America that President Barack Obama was said to have brought about in the United States - and that they, too, promote.

It's not a post-racial world, "it's a partisan world," said Merle Black, an Emory University political science profes-



In this Oct. 31, 2011, file photo Republican presidential candidate Herman Cain speaks at the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research (AEI) in Washington.

sor and author of "The Rise of Southern Republicans."

Cain's success in Republican straw polls was considered by many, especially black conservatives, proof that America was finally ready to consider candidates according to ideas, not race. Obama was elected the nation's first black president in 2008 behind a strong vote from minorities, liberals and independents. Few of them are affiliated with the GOP, the party of Abra-

ham Lincoln that lost favor with minority voters behind its 1960s "Southern strategy" of wooing white voters who were unhappy over civil rights legislation.

The GOP is eyeing blacks with new appeal, as evidenced by the rise of conservatives such as Cain; two former secretaries of State, Colin Powell and Condoleezza Rice; former Rep. J.C. Watts of Oklahoma; and current Reps. Allen West of Florida and Tim Scott of South Carolina.

## 2 top officials step down amid Penn St sex scandal

**STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP)**—Two top Penn State officials charged with covering up allegations of an explosive child-sex abuse scandal related to former defensive coordinator Jerry Sandusky stepped down late Sunday after an emergency meeting of the university's Board of Trustees.

Penn State Athletic Director Tim Curley requested to be placed on administrative leave so he could devote the time needed to defend himself against perjury and other charges, university President Graham Spanier said. Gary Schultz, vice president for finance and business, will step down and go back into retirement, Spanier said. He declined to comment to reporters after the meeting.

Resignations of famed football coach Joe Paterno and Spanier weren't discussed at the meeting, which was arranged Sunday and lasted two hours, university spokesman Bill Mahon said.

Curley and Schultz were

charged Saturday after a grand jury investigation of Sandusky. He's been charged with sexually abusing eight boys over 15 years. Lawyers for all three men have said they're innocent.

Sandusky, once considered Paterno's heir apparent, retired in 1999 but continued to use the school's facilities for his work with The Second Mile, a foundation he established to help at-risk kids. Curley and Schultz were accused of failing to alert police—as required by state law—of their investigation of the allegations.

"This is a case about a sexual predator who used his position within the university and community to repeatedly prey on young boys," state Attorney General Linda Kelly said Saturday.

Paterno, who last week became the coach with the most wins in Division I football history, wasn't charged, and the grand jury report didn't appear to implicate him in wrongdoing.

In a statement issued Sun-

day night, Paterno said he was shocked, saddened and as surprised as everyone else to hear of the charges.

"If this is true we were all fooled, along with scores of professionals trained in such things, and we grieve for the victims and their families. They are in our prayers," Paterno said in a statement issued by his son, Scott.

Under Paterno's four-decades-and-counting stewardship, the Nittany Lions became a bedrock in the college game, and fans packed the stadium in State College, a campus town routinely ranked among America's best places to live and nicknamed Happy Valley. Paterno's teams were revered both for winning games—including two national championships—and largely steering clear of trouble. Sandusky, whose defenses were usually anchored by tough-guy linebackers—hence the moniker "Linebacker U"—spent three decades at the school. The charges against him cover the period from 1994 to 2009.

# Asia

## Floods threaten Bangkok trains; toll passes 500

**BANGKOK** (AP)—Advancing pools of filthy water threatened the Thai capital's subway system Monday and surrounded the emergency headquarters set up to deal with flooding that has claimed more than 500 lives nationwide.

Bangkok Gov. Sukhumbhand Paribatra has ordered evacuations in 11 of Bangkok's 50 districts, and partial evacuations apply in seven more, as the huge runoff from monsoon-buffed central Thailand seeps south through the metropolitan area to the sea.

The evacuations are not mandatory, and most people are staying to protect homes and businesses. But the orders illustrate how far flooding has progressed into the city and how powerless the government has been to stop it.

The latest district added to list Sunday was Chatuchak, home to a large public park and an outdoor shopping zone that is a major tourist attraction. The Chatuchak Weekend Market was open over the weekend but had fewer-than-normal vendors and customers, as floodwaters poured past the market's eastern edge.

Chatuchak, just a few miles (kilometers) north of Bangkok's still-unaffected central

business zone, also is home to the government's national emergency flood relief headquarters. It is housed in the Energy Ministry—a building now surrounded by water.

The relief headquarters moved several days ago out of Bangkok's Don Muang airport after it, too, was flooded.

Relentless rainfall has pummeled vast swaths of Thailand since late July, swamping the country and killing 506 people, according to the latest government statistics. Most victims have drowned, while a handful died from flood-related electrocutions.

No deaths have been reported in Bangkok. The nearby province of Ayutthaya, which has been submerged for more than one month, has the highest toll with 90 reported dead.

Floodwaters have begun receding in some provinces north of the capital, and a major clean-up is planned in Ayutthaya this week. But the runoff has massed around Bangkok and completely submerged some of the city's outer neighborhoods.

On Sunday, cars slogged through a flooded road underneath Chatuchak's Mo Chit Skytrain station, the northernmost stop on the capital's elevated train system.



A Thai Buddhist monk navigates an improvised float at their flooded temple in Bangkok, Thailand, Sunday, Nov. 6, 2011.

Floodwaters also reached roads at three subway stops in northern Bangkok. Both mass transit networks are functioning normally, though some

exits have been barricaded and closed.

Also in Chatuchak, water has begun approaching a main road near the Mo Chit bus terminal,

a major gateway to northern Thailand. The bus station and roads in the area remained open, traffic police chief Uthaiwan Kaewsard said.

On Friday, workers completed a 3.7-mile (6-kilometer) flood wall made from massive, hastily assembled sandbags to divert some of the water flowing toward central Bangkok. But large amounts of water are already beyond that wall, and officials say that besides a network of canals and underground drainage tunnels, there are no more barriers preventing water from pushing south into the heart of the city.

Over the past two decades, Bangkok's much enlarged and improved drainage system has increasingly been able to siphon off water during monsoon seasons with average rainfall. But amid Thailand's worst flooding since World War II, that system is facing its greatest test yet.

Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra says a plan to be put before the Cabinet on Tuesday would allocate 100 billion baht (\$3.3 billion) for post-flood reconstruction.

Yingluck's government has come under fire for failing to predict the threat to the capital. Residents also have been frustrated by widely different assessments of the flooding situation from the prime minister, Bangkok's governor and the country's top water experts and officials.

### ASIA BRIEFS

#### Taiwan: Fishermen fought off pirates, retook boat

**TAIPEI, Taiwan** (AP)—Taiwan says fishermen on a Taiwanese boat fought back against Somali pirates and freed themselves after a hijacking in the Indian Ocean. Some of the 28 crew on the Chin Yi Wen overcame the hijackers then the boat met up with British anti-piracy vessels nearby. Three crew had minor injuries. The government news agency said the fight happened about 4 a.m. Sunday Taiwan time (2000 Saturday GMT). That was some 48 hours after the boat was reported missing. The Central News Agency report cited the island's Fisheries Agency. It said the 260-ton Chin Yi Wen is now heading to Port Victoria in the Seychelles. Piracy is rife off the Somali coast. Somalia has not had a functioning government since 1991.

#### Filipino soldier killed in new clash with rebels

**MANILA, Philippines** (AP)—Communist guerrillas have killed one soldier and wounded four others in a clash in the southern Philippines, where troops are hunting rebels who stormed three mining complexes last month. Army spokesman Maj. Harold Cabunoc says the military incurred its casualties when scout rangers clashed with the New People's Army rebels near Agusan del Norte's remote Kitcharao town on Sunday. There was no immediate report of rebel casualties. Cabunoc said Monday that the scout rangers were among the government forces involved in a massive hunt for more than 200 guerrillas who attacked three mining complexes in early October, briefly holding employees and torching trucks, heavy equipment and company offices. The New People's Army is listed by Washington as a terrorist group.

#### Japan's emperor hospitalized with fever, cold

**TOKYO** (AP)—Japan's royal household says Emperor Akihito has been hospitalized with a fever and a cold. An Imperial Household Agency official says the emperor was admitted to the University of Tokyo Hospital on Sunday evening because of deteriorating symptoms of bronchitis. Akihito turns 78 next month. The official said the emperor developed a fever Thursday and has refrained from royal duties since. The official gave only his last name, Nakai, a practice somewhat common in Japan. Akihito ascended the throne after his father Hirohito died in 1989.

## Thousands send money to China's Ai for tax bill

**BEIJING** (AP)—Thousands of people have donated more than \$800,000 to Chinese dissident artist Ai Weiwei, some tossing cash folded into airplanes over his gate, he said Monday, to help him pay a tax bill they see as government harassment.

A state-run newspaper criticized the outpouring and warned it could be illegal.

The donation campaign—also in the form of wire transfers and cash stuffed in envelopes or wrapped around fruit that is thrown into his yard—is rare for Chinese dissidents because of the threat of retaliation that comes with supporting high-profile government critics.

Nearly 20,000 people have sent more than 5.3 million yuan (\$840,000), Ai said, since he announced a week ago that

the Beijing tax bureau was demanding that he pay 15 million yuan (\$2.4 million) in back taxes and fines.

"This shows that a group of people who want to express their views are using their money to cast their votes," Ai told The Associated Press. "It shows that in the Internet age, society will have its own judgment and its own values. People are using these methods to re-examine the accusation that I evaded taxes."

Ai, an internationally acclaimed conceptual artist, was detained for nearly three months earlier this year amid an overall crackdown on dissent, setting off concern well beyond the arts circles and civil rights community in which he is well-known. The detention and subsequent claims of tax evasion have been

interpreted by activists as a way to punish him for his often-outspoken criticism of the authoritarian government.

Ai said that he would not treat the money from supporters as donations, but as loans that he would repay.

Liu Yanping, a volunteer at Ai's Beijing Fake Cultural Development Ltd. design company, said many of the donations have been accompanied by messages of support, including "Brother, let me be your creditor," and "The whole family has been mobilized, everyone will be creditors," Liu said. Other messages were poetic: "Walk toward the light, the darkness will pass," wrote one supporter.

One donor, feminist scholar Ai Xiaoming, described her donation as "a form of support as well as

an appeal." She declined to reveal the size of her contribution.

"Everyone can clearly see how the whole process of accusing Ai Weiwei of tax evasion has not been transparent or fair," said Ai, who is based in the southern city of Guangzhou.

Ai the artist has demanded that police return the account books police seized from his studio when they detained him and that they allow him to meet with his former office manager and accountant.

Calls to the local tax bureau rang unanswered. In a commentary Monday, the state-run Global Times cited unnamed experts as saying Ai could be suspected of "illegal fundraising." It also said the movement did not represent the larger Chinese population.

## HK pro-democracy parties lose ground in local vote

**HONG KONG** (AP)—Pro-Beijing parties in Hong Kong trounced the opposition as voters in the Chinese territory expressed discontent with pro-democratic parties in local elections that may predict the outcome of more important polls next year.

Results from Sunday's poll were released early Monday for individual candidates, but the government did not immediately provide a breakdown by political party.

The South China Morning Post newspaper says candidates from major parties that support the central government in China won 146 of 412 seats while those from mainstream pro-democracy parties lost ground, garnering only 54 seats.

While district councillors wield little power, analysts say the outcome could foreshadow a tougher struggle for pro-democracy candidates in legislative elections next year, which

could make it harder to move toward a fuller democracy.

About 1.1 million, or 38 percent of the 2.9 million people registered to vote, cast ballots in Sunday's election, about the same turnout rate as the last district council elections in 2007. They chose among 839 candidates for 336 seats. Another 76 candidates were returned unopposed.

Hong Kong, a former British colony, is a special administra-

tive region of China with its own political system and a high degree of autonomy. Hong Kong's mini-constitution promises eventual democracy and Western-style civil liberties commonly denied in the mainland.

The current 60-member Legislative Council is half-elected, half chosen by professional and business sectors, many of whom are loyal to Beijing. Next year, the legislature will add 10 more elected seats.

## World

## US: Sect bomb attacks possible in Nigeria capital

**LAGOS, Nigeria** (AP)—After a weekend of violence and fear, U.S. officials warned Sunday that luxury hotels frequented by foreigners and Nigeria's elite may be bombed by a radical Muslim sect as the death toll from attacks in the country's northeast rose to more than 100.

The warning by the U.S. Embassy shows how seriously

diplomats take the threat posed by the outlawed Islamist group known locally as Boko Haram, which previously bombed the United Nations headquarters in the capital, Abuja, killing 24.

The unusually specific warning from the U.S. Embassy identified possible targets in Abuja as the Hilton, Nicon Luxury and Sheraton hotels. With popular restaurants and

bars, the hotels draw diplomats, politicians and even reformed oil delta militants.

The embassy said an attack may come as Muslims in the oil-rich nation celebrate the Eid al-Adha holiday and that its diplomats and staff had been instructed to avoid those hotels.

Still, Nigerian officials continued to downplay the threat posed by the militants, hoping to

reassure Africa's most populous nation that everything remains under control in a country often violently divided by religious and ethnic differences.

"We're all expected to live in peace, but as a nation, we have our own challenges," President Goodluck Jonathan said in a speech televised nationally.

"During this holy period, we still have incidents happening here and there," added Jonathan, a Christian, who appeared wearing a prayer cap and the traditional robes of the country's Muslim north.

U.S. officials offered no other

details about how the embassy received the threat information. Deb MacLean, a U.S. Embassy spokeswoman in Abuja, declined to comment Sunday.

It wouldn't be the first time Abuja saw itself targeted by Boko Haram, which has waged an increasingly bloody sectarian fight against Nigeria's weak central government. A suicide bomber claimed by the group attacked the U.N. headquarters in August, while another bomber targeted the federal police headquarters in June.

Still, most attacks have targeted Nigeria's arid and im-

poverished northeast, so any strike against hotels in Abuja would be an escalation that shows the group's ability to strike at will—even against foreigners and its elite.

The warning came as a Nigerian Red Cross official said more than 100 people were killed in a series of attacks Friday in the northeast.

Ibrahim Bulama said he expected the death toll to rise in Damaturu, the capital of rural Yobe state. He said mourners quickly buried some bodies in line with Muslim tradition, making a precise count difficult.



In this image made from television provided by the state-run Nigerian Television Authority Sunday, Nov. 6, 2011, corpses are seen laid out in Damaturu, Nigeria, following a series of coordinated attacks Friday that killed at least 69 people and left a new police headquarters in ruins, government offices burned and symbols of state power destroyed.

## Syrian troops kill 11 despite Arab League accord

**BEIRUT** (AP)—Syrians in the restive region of Homs performed special prayers for a major Muslim holiday to the sound of explosions and gunfire as government troops pushed forward their assault on the area, killing at least 11 people Sunday, residents and activists said.

The violence on the first day of Eid al-Adha, or Feast of the Sacrifice, added to fears that a peace plan brokered by the Arab League last week was unraveling and prompted Qatar's prime minister to call for an emergency meeting Saturday to discuss the Syrian government's failure to abide by its commitments.

Egypt's official news agency MENA reported that Sheik Hamad Bin Jassem Bin Jabr Al Thani called for the meeting "in light of the continuing acts of violence and the Syrian government's noncompliance" with the terms of the Arab plan.

Violence has continued unabated, though Damascus agreed to halt its crackdown on the 7-month-old uprising that the U.N. says has left some 3,000 people dead.

Under the Arab League plan, Syria's government agreed to pull tanks and armored vehicles out of cities, release political

prisoners and allow journalists and rights groups into the country.

"It is a very painful situation here in Homs," said a city resident reached by telephone and speaking on condition of anonymity for fear of government reprisals. "The holiday will come for us only when we are free from this regime."

Activists said government forces on Sunday killed at least nine people in Homs, which has turned into one of the main centers of protest and reprisal during the revolt against President Bashar Assad.

Bloodshed linked to the military crackdown on dissent and what appear to be sectarian revenge killings have engulfed Homs in recent weeks, killing scores of people in the country's third-largest city.

The British-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said troops killed one person in the city of Hama during raids there and another in the northern Idlib province.

Majd Amer, a local Homs activist, said people performed morning prayers to the sound of explosions that sometimes shook the mosques. "Nobody can tell what the explosions are, it's been

like this for days now," he said of the military assault on the city.

Elsewhere, troops fired live ammunition to disperse protesters near Damascus and in the country's north as worshippers emerged from prayers to stage protests calling for Assad's ouster. There were no immediate reports of deaths but activists said several people were wounded in the northern province of Idlib.

Assad, who is trying to fend off the greatest challenge his family's 40-year-old regime, attended Eid prayers at the al-Nour Mosque in the northern town of Raqqa, according to the official SANA news agency.

The location marked a divergence from the past few years when Assad held prayers in the capital Damascus. The choice of Raqqa, which has seen some anti-government protests, appeared to be an attempt by the regime to show it remains in control there.

The Observatory said security forces conducted raids in Raqqa after Eid prayers.

The country's top Sunni clergyman and Assad loyalist, Grand Mufti Ahmad Badreddine Hassoun, insisted Assad is "not a president for life," but would rather return to his profession as an eye doctor.

## Ex-general wins Guatemalan presidential election

**GUATEMALA CITY** (AP)—In the end, tradition trumped rising enthusiasm for a youthful populist.

Guatemalans have once again elected as their new leader the presidential candidate who lost the previous election, something they have done since democracy returned to the Central American country in 1986.

Retired general and former intelligence director Otto Perez Molina of the conservative Patriotic Party won an easy and early victory on Sunday in a runoff race against tycoon-turned-political populist Manuel Baldizon of the Democratic Freedom Revival party. Perez garnered 54 percent of the vote to Baldizon's 46 percent.

It was exactly as the polls had predicted, though many distrusted them and felt a last-minute surge by Baldizon would make the race tight.

But analysts said it was Perez who surged in the final days.

"At the end of the campaign, Otto Perez began to appeal to the idea of continuity and stability, while Baldizon tried to

appear new and creative," said Renso Rosal, political analyst with the University Rafael Landivar. "That doesn't sit well with a conservative society like Guatemala."

Voter turnout was nearly 60 percent, though early reports said it would be under 50 percent.

Perez, 61, is the first former military leader elected president in Guatemala in the 25 years after the end of brutal military rule.

While that concerns some international groups, Guatemala has a young population. Many don't remember the 36-year war or its 200,000 dead, the vast majority of whom were Mayan and victims of army, police and paramilitary.

Perez has said there were no massacres or genocide. He was never charged with any atrocities and was one of the army's chief representatives in negotiating the 1996 peace accords.

"They talk a lot about the past, but there has been no case against him," said Perez supporter Daniel Rustrian, 20, who was voting

for the first time. "I'm not saying there wasn't genocide, but no one has demonstrated anything against him."

Instead, voters supported Perez's "iron-fist" approach to rampant crime in the country, which has been overrun by gangs, Mexican drug cartels and has one of the highest murder rates in the world. President Alvaro Colom had to send the military to various parts of the country in the last six months to regain control from the drug gangs.

"The first order of business will be to lower the levels of violence and insecurity that we're living, and work with congress to improve the federal budget," Perez said upon his victory, touching on the country's other major problem.

Guatemala has one of lowest tax rates in the world, raising little money for schools, roads or other improvements that would help bring the country out of severe poverty. More than half of Guatemala's 14 million people live below the poverty line. The establishment traditionally has fought hard against raising taxes.

## WORLD BRIEFS

## Nicaragua pres Ortega poised to win third term

**MANAGUA, Nicaragua** (AP)—Nicaraguans voted Sunday in elections expected to return one-time Sandinista revolutionary Daniel Ortega as president in what critics say could be the prelude to a presidency for life. Since returning to power in 2007, the 65-year-old Ortega has boosted his popularity in Central America's poorest country with a combination of pork-barrel populism and support for the free-market economy he once opposed. Now, riding on a populist platform and World Bank praise for his economic strategies, he seeks a third term—his second consecutive one—after the Sandinista majority on the Supreme Court overruled the term limits set by the Nicaraguan constitution.

## Israel's warnings on Iran get quiet nods in Gulf

**DUBAI, United Arab Emirates** (AP)—Among the many alliances of convenience in the Middle East, one is so unusual that the partners can barely hint about it publicly: Israel and the Gulf Arab states linked by shared fears over Iran's nuclear program. While their deeper disputes on the Palestinians effectively block any strategic

breakthroughs, the recent warnings from Israel and the West about military options against Iran invariably draw in the Gulf and its rare meeting of minds with Jerusalem. The Gulf states—a cornerstone for U.S. diplomatic and military pressure on Iran—are indispensable parts of any effort to confront Tehran's nuclear ambitions. And even Israel, which has no direct diplomatic outreach to the Gulf, is likely brought into the Gulf-centric policymaking with U.S. envoys acting as go-betweens, experts say.

## Fireworks smoke linked to UK crash that killed 7

**LONDON** (AP)—Police investigating the cause of a 34-car pile-up on a major British highway that killed seven people and injured 51 said Sunday they are focusing on a fireworks display near the accident site. While initial reports suggested fog and wet road surfaces were partly to blame for the huge collision, police said they have now zeroed in on the fireworks show after evidence taken from witnesses indicated that black smoke emerging from it may be the main culprit. Rescue workers have described the road accident as one of the deadliest in the country in years.

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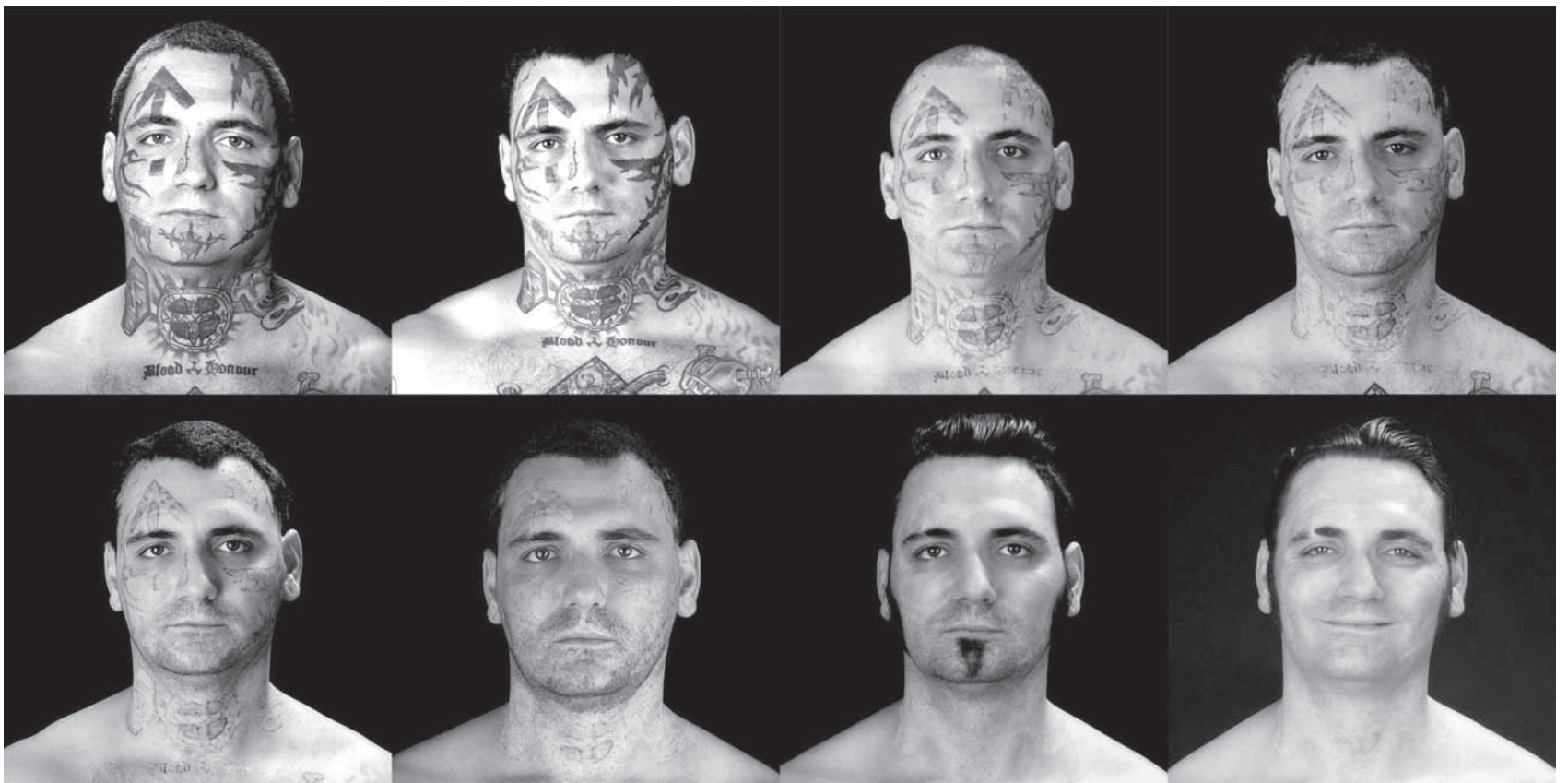
*Editor's Note: A reformed skinhead, Bryon Widner was desperate to rid himself of the racist tattoos that covered his face—so desperate that he turned to former enemies for help, and was willing to endure months of pain.*

Julie Widner was terrified—Afraid her husband would do something reckless, even disfigure himself.

"We had come so far," she says. "We had left the movement, had created a good family life. We had so much to live for. I just thought there has to be someone out there who will help us."

After getting married in 2006, the couple, former pillars of the white power movement (she as a member of the National Alliance, he a founder of the Vinlanders gang of skinheads) had worked hard to put their racist past behind them. They had settled down and had a baby; her younger children had embraced him as a father.

And yet, the past was ever-present—tattooed in brutish symbols all over his body and face: a blood-soaked razor, swastikas, the letters "HATE" stamped across his knuckles.



This combination of eight photos provided by Bill Brummel Productions shows the progress of tattoo removal treatments for former skinhead Bryon Widner.

## Reformed skinhead endures agony to remove tattoos

Wherever he turned Widner was shunned—on job sites, in stores and restaurants. People saw a menacing thug, not a loving father. He felt like an utter failure.

The couple had scoured the Internet trying to learn how to safely remove the facial tattoos. But extensive facial tattoos are extremely rare, and few doctors have performed such complicated surgery. Besides, they couldn't afford it. They had little money and no health insurance.

So Widner began investigating homemade recipes, looking at dermal acids and other solutions. He reached the point, he said, where "I was totally prepared to douse my face in acid."

In desperation, Julie did something that once would have been unimaginable. She reached out to a black man whom white supremacists consider their sworn enemy.

Daryle Lamont Jenkins runs an anti-hate group called One People's Project based in Philadelphia. The 43-year-old activist is a huge thorn in the side of white supremacists, posting their names and addresses on his website, alerting people to their rallies and organizing counter protests.

In Julie he heard the voice of a woman in trouble.

"It didn't matter who she had once been or what she had once believed," he said. "Here was a wife and mother prepared to do anything for her family."

Jenkins suggested that Widner contact T.J. Leyden, a former neo-Nazi skinhead Marine who had famously left the movement in 1996, and has promoted tolerance ever since. More than anyone else, Leyden understood the revulsion and self-condemnation that Widner was going through. And the danger.

"Hide in plain sight," he advised. "Lean on those you trust."

Most importantly, Leyden told him to call the Southern Poverty Law Center.

"If anyone can help," he said, "it's those guys."

When Widner called, says Joseph

Roy, "it was like the Osama Bin Laden of the movement calling in."

Roy is chief investigator of hate and extreme groups for the SPLC. The non-profit civil rights organization, based in Montgomery, Ala., tracks hate groups, militias and extreme organizations. Aggressive at bringing lawsuits, it has successfully shut down leading white power groups, bankrupted their leaders and won multimillion dollar awards for victims.

The SPLC hears regularly from people who say they are trying to leave hate and extreme groups. Some are fakes. Some are trying to spread false intelligence. Many are in crisis, and return to the group when the crisis passes.

"Very rarely have we met a reformed racist skinhead," says Roy. Over the years, Roy had dubbed Widner the "pit bull" of skinheads. "No one was more aggressive, more confrontational, more notorious," Roy said.

And yet, over several weeks of conversations with Bryon and Julie, he became convinced. There was something different about this couple—a sincerity, a raw determination to put the past behind them and to seek some sort of redemption.

In March 2007 Roy and an assistant flew to Michigan. Roy still marvels at the memory of the guy with the freakish face walking out to greet them, wearing a "World's Greatest Dad" sweat shirt, holding his baby boy in one arm while a little girl clung to his other one.

Over the next few days they got to see the suffering Bryon was going through. They listened in horror when he told them he was considering using acid on his face. "He was in a bad place," Roy said. "This was a guy who was fighting for his life."

Widner shared information about the structure of various skinhead groups, the different forms of probation in some gangs, the hierarchy of others. He agreed to speak at the SPLC's annual Skinhead Intelligence Network conference, which draws police from all over the country.

For his part, Roy promised to ask

his organization to do something it had never done before—search for a donor to pay for Widner's tattoos to be surgically removed. Widner didn't hold out much hope. But for now, he agreed not to experiment with acid.

Financially and emotionally, things were getting tougher. Widner found part-time work shoveling snow and odd handyman jobs, but barely enough to support a family. The vicious postings on the Internet continued. Pig manure was dumped on their cars. There were hang-up calls in the middle of the night. Anonymous callers left threatening messages: "You will die." Several times, tipped off by sympathetic friends that a crew was on the way to "take care" of them, the family fled to a hotel.

So when Roy called a couple of months later saying a donor was willing to pay for the surgery, Widner could hardly believe it. The donor, a longtime supporter of the SPLC had been moved by Widner's story—and shocked by photographs of his face.

"For him to have any chance in life and do good," she said, "I knew those tattoos had to come off."

She agreed to fund the surgeries—at a cost of approximately \$35,000—on several conditions. She wanted to remain anonymous. She wanted assurances that Bryon would get his GED, would go into counseling and would pursue either a college education or a trade.

It was easy to agree. These were all things Widner wanted to do.

It would take up to a year to find the right doctors and schedule the operations. Meanwhile, it was clear the family had to leave Michigan. The white power Web forums were wild with chatter about the race traitor couple and their family. Through local police, the FBI warned that they were in danger.

In the spring of 2008 they packed their belongings and moved to Tennessee, near Julie's father. They rented a three-bedroom house in the country, joined a church. Helped by his father-in-law and his pastor, Widner found

some work. The threats subsided.

Dr. Bruce Shack, who chairs the Department of Plastic Surgery at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, vividly remembers the first time he met Widner. After seeing photographs and talking to the SPLC, he had agreed to do the surgery. But he was totally unprepared for Widner's face.

"This wasn't just a few tattoos," he said. "This was an entire canvas."

It was June 2009 and the couple had driven to Vanderbilt to meet him. Shack's genial manner immediately put them at ease.

"He didn't just see the tattoos," Widner says. "He saw me as a real human being."

Shack also saw one of the biggest challenges of his career.

Shack showed Widner the laser—which looks like a long, fat pen—that would trace the exact outline of the tattoos as it burned them off his face. He explained how it would deliver short bursts of energy, different amounts depending on the color and depth of the tattoo. It would take many sessions for the ink to fade. And it would be painful, far more painful than getting the tattoos in the first place.

"You are going to feel like you have the worst sunburn in the world, your face will swell up like a prizefighter, but it will eventually heal," Shack told Widner. "This is not going to be any fun. But if you are willing to do it, I'm willing to help."

Widner didn't hesitate. "I have to do it," he said, as Julie held his hand. "I am never going to live a normal life unless I do."

On June 22, 2009, Widner lay on an operating table, his mind spinning with anxiety and hope. A nurse dabbed numbing gel all over his face. Shack towered over him in protective goggles and injected a local anesthetic. Then he started jabbing Widner's skin, the laser making a staccato rat-tat-tat sound as it burned through his flesh.

Widner had never felt such pain. Not all the times he had suffered black eyes

and lost teeth in bar brawls, not the time in jail when guards—for fun—locked him up with a group of black inmates in order to see him taken down. His face swelled up in a burning rage, his eyes were black and puffy, his hands looked like blistered boxing gloves. He had never felt so helpless or so miserable.

"I was real whiny during that time," he says.

"He was real brave," says Julie.

After a couple of sessions, Shack decided that Widner was in too much pain: The only way to continue was to put him under general anesthetic for every operation. It was also clear that the removal was going to take far longer than the seven or eight sessions he had originally anticipated.

They developed a routine. Every few weeks, Widner would spend about an hour and a half in surgery and another hour in recovery, while Julie would fuss and fret and try to summon the strength to hide her fears and smile at the bruised, battered husband she drove home. It would often take days for the burns and oozing blisters to subside.

Shack and his team marveled at Widner's determination and endurance. The Widners marveled at the team's level of commitment and care. Even nurses who were initially intimidated by Widner's looks found themselves growing fond of the stubborn former skinhead and his young family.

Slowly—far more slowly than Widner had hoped—the tattoos began to fade. In all he underwent 25 surgeries over the course of 16 months, on his face, neck and hands.

On Oct. 22, 2010, the day of the final operation, Shack hugged Julie and shook hands with Bryon. Removing the tattoos, he said, had been one of his greatest honors as a surgeon. But a greater privilege was getting to know them.

"Anyone who is prepared to put himself through this is bound to do something good with his life," Shack said.

In a comfortable yard in a tidy suburban subdivision, Bryon and Julie Wid-

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## Overdrive

## BMW X3 is an all around athlete

By LARRY PRINTZ  
THE VIRGINIAN-PILOT

I will confess that I was never a huge fan of the first-generation X3. It was narrow, had a hard ride and seemed contrary to BMW's once-stated mission of building "ultimate driving machines."

Maybe I've mellowed, or maybe I've gotten used to BMW building SUVs.

Nah.

I think the redesigned 2011 BMW X3 is clearly superior to the vehicle it replaces.

Compared to its predecessor, the second-generation X3 is a half-inch taller, 3.36 inches longer, 1.1 inches wider, and has a half-inch more ground clearance. This new X3 feels significantly less cramped, especially in the second row, where real humans can fit comfortably while 19 cubic feet of cargo is carried behind them.

Yet its size is appropriate for today's demanding driver, being neither too big nor too small.

The X3 comes in two flavors. The entry-level model is the X3 xDrive28i, with a 240-horsepower 3.0-liter six-cylinder engine and a 0-60 mph time of 6.7 seconds. The other model, the X3 xDrive35i, features BMW's new turbo-



The 2011 BMW X3 xDrive35i is the unabashed sports car of the luxury compact SUV segment.

## NUTS & BOLTS

### 2011 BMW X3:

- Engine: Turbocharged 3.0-liter DOHC V6
- Wheelbase: 110.5 inches
- Length: 183 inches
- Weight: 4,222 pounds
- Cargo space: 19-56.6 cubic feet
- EPA rating (city/highway): 19/26 mpg
- Fuel consumption: 24 mpg
- Fuel type: Premium
- Base price, base model: \$37,625
- Base price, test model: \$41,050
- As tested: \$53,775

charged 3.0-liter six-cylinder. It reaches 60 mph in 5.5 seconds; top speed is limited to 150 mph when fitted with the

optional Sport Package.

Both X3 engines come mated to a sublime eight-speed automatic transmission and all-wheel drive. Under normal conditions, 40 percent of the power goes to the front wheels, 60 percent goes to the rear. The rear-bias of the all-wheel-drive system makes this SUV a blast to drive. Trust me, it's enough to get you in trouble with the boys in blue; discretion is called for.

Alas, the X3 makes that difficult.

The X3 is surprisingly athletic, tackling corners with the

ferocity you'd expect of your favorite sports sedan. It maintains an unflappable, firm ride, but there's a measure of compliance that ensures your bones don't shatter over large bumps.

## Clicking engine unlikely to fail

By PAUL BRAND  
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

**QUESTION: I have a 2006 Honda Accord four-cylinder with 105,000 miles. It has developed a clicking engine noise on a cold start. After the car has warmed up, the sound goes away. I have seen references to a condition called "piston slap." Is this something that I need to have checked out or to be concerned about?**

**ANSWER:** Is it piston slap, valve train noise or some other problem? Using a mechanic's stethoscope to locate the noise would pinpoint the source. Clicking or a sharp tapping from the valve cover on top of the engine would point to a valve train noise. A dull tapping or slapping sound from the side of the engine block would point more toward piston slap. Piston slap occurs on a cold engine when clearance between the piston's lower skirt and cylinder wall allow the piston to rock slightly on the downward power stroke and slap against the cylinder wall, generating that slightly duller tapping sound.

Another possible cause is called CCDI, or combustion chamber deposit interference. This cold-start noise is caused by a carbon buildup on the crown of the piston and roof of the combustion chamber, causing physical contact and a relatively sharp click at the very top of the piston travel.

Both noises tend to abate as the engine warms up. With piston slap, the aluminum piston skirt expands a bit as it heats up,

The steering is quick and provides good feedback. Braking is what you'd expect from BMW: excellent.

Like BMW sedans, there are a number of sport modes, each with an adding degree of agility to the suspension and drivetrain — as if it needs more.

The driver gets a commanding view from the front seat, with good visibility in all directions. One option I recommend is the \$1,250 Sport Activity Package, which adds a sport automatic transmission, sport steering wheel with paddle shifters, aluminum roof rails, unique exterior trim and sport seats. It makes tapping the X3's sportiness easier.

Other packages add the expected luxuries, but the price escalates quickly.

The \$1,150 Convenience Package nets you a power tailgate, keyless entry, cargo net and rear manual side window shades. The \$3,450 Premium Package goes further, with a universal garage door opener, panoramic moon roof, auto-

dimming mirrors, lumbar support and additional interior lighting.

Another \$1,150 adds a Cold Weather Package, which includes heated seats and steering wheel, retractable head lamp washers and split folding rear seat.

Despite the heavy load of options, the interior doesn't have a garishly luxurious feel. It has the business-like interior typical of the brand.

The car's iDrive system, which controls many of the car's functions, can take some time to master. So, too, the stub of a transmission lever, which feels different from any transmission lever you've used.

But these are quibbles common to other Bimmers.

In reality, it's hard to find anything to fault on the new X3. Considering its practical nature, it's incredibly fun to drive, which isn't true of most SUVs. You'll find it hard to match the X3's perfect blend of handling, size and luxury, even from those in the same showroom.

catalytic converter and/or exhaust system may be partially clogged or blocked, creating excess exhaust backpressure. This can overheat the exhaust and cylinder heads, causing excess oil consumption.

Perhaps more likely, the computer-operated electrical positive crankcase ventilation, or PCV, valve is stuck closed or has failed. This would cause pressure to build up inside the engine and force oil out of seals and gaskets.

This scenario would take some driving to develop, which might explain why it occurs during freeway driving.

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**Q: I have a 1998 Jeep Grand Cherokee. A few of the fins on the bottom of the radiator got damaged a bit, and it leaks. Does any product out there stop the leaks short of replacing the radiator? I had it replaced a year and a half ago and hate to buy another new radiator.**

**A:** I've had success with and Mendite. But if there's physical damage, don't expect a stop-leak product to be a permanent repair. With that said, I see no reason not to give one a try.

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## SKINHEAD

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ner smoke Marlboros and sip energy drinks as they contemplate the newest chapter in their lives. Only a few trusted friends and family members know where they live—they agreed to be interviewed on condition that the location of their new home not be disclosed.

This time, they moved because they had deliberately exposed themselves to danger. After much consideration, the couple had agreed to allow an MSNBC film crew to follow Widner through his surgeries. The cameras didn't spare the details, capturing Widner writhing and moaning in agony. Widner didn't care. If anything he felt that he deserved the pain and the public humiliation as a kind of penance for all the hurt he had caused over the years.

But there was a deeper motivation for going public with his story. There was a chance that some angry young teenager on the verge of becoming a skinhead would see Widner's suffering and think twice.

Maybe he would realize that, as Widner says now, "I wasn't on any great mission for the white race. I was just a thug."

They moved the day after

the documentary—"Erasing Hate"—aired in June.

Widner's arms and torso are still extensively tattooed. He is in the process of inking over the "political" ones, like the Nazi lightning bolts. His face is clean and scar free, and he has a shock of thick black hair. With his thin glasses and studious expression, he looks nerdy, Julie jokes.

His neck and hands have suffered some pigment damage, he gets frequent migraine headaches and he has to stay out of the sun. But, he says, "it's a small price to pay for being human again."

The move took a financial toll. Julie had to pawn her wedding ring to buy groceries and pay the rent. But Widner has found some work—construction and tattoo jobs. He got his GED and they both plan to start courses at the local community college.

They say they feel safe. Several police officers and firefighters live nearby; the FBI has visited and the local police know their story.

Still they can't help but worry. It's one thing getting out of the white power movement as others have done, fading into obscurity. It's another to publicly denounce the violent world they once inhabited.

Bryon has constant nightmares about what injuries he might have

inflicted—injuries he can only imagine because so often he was in a drunken stupor when he beat someone up. Did he blind someone? Did he paralyze someone? He doesn't know.

But there are moments of grace. After a recent screening of the documentary in California, a black woman embraced Widner in tears. "I forgive you," she cried.

They've thrown out everything to do with their racist past, including photographs of Widner and his crew posing at Nordic fests and of the white power conferences Julie used to attend. And yet there are reminders all around, and not just the remaining tattoos. Tyrson's name—inspired by the Norse god of justice, Tyr—troubles them for its connection to the racist brand of Odinism his father practiced with the Vinlanders. But how do they ask a 4-year-old to change his name to Eddie?

The child tugs at his daddy's Spiderman T-shirt, begging him to come play video games. "OK, buddy," Widner says. "Let's go shoot a few bad guys." With that, the man who once brandished his hate like a badge of honor scoops up his son and turns on his Xbox.

Widner plays the role of Captain America. The bad guys are Nazis.

# Life & Style

## Bieber, Gaga dominate MTV awards in Belfast

LONDON (AP)—The MTV Europe Music Awards turned into a celebration of Justin Bieber and Lady Gaga Sunday night as the two picked up a number of top prizes, including best male and best female act.

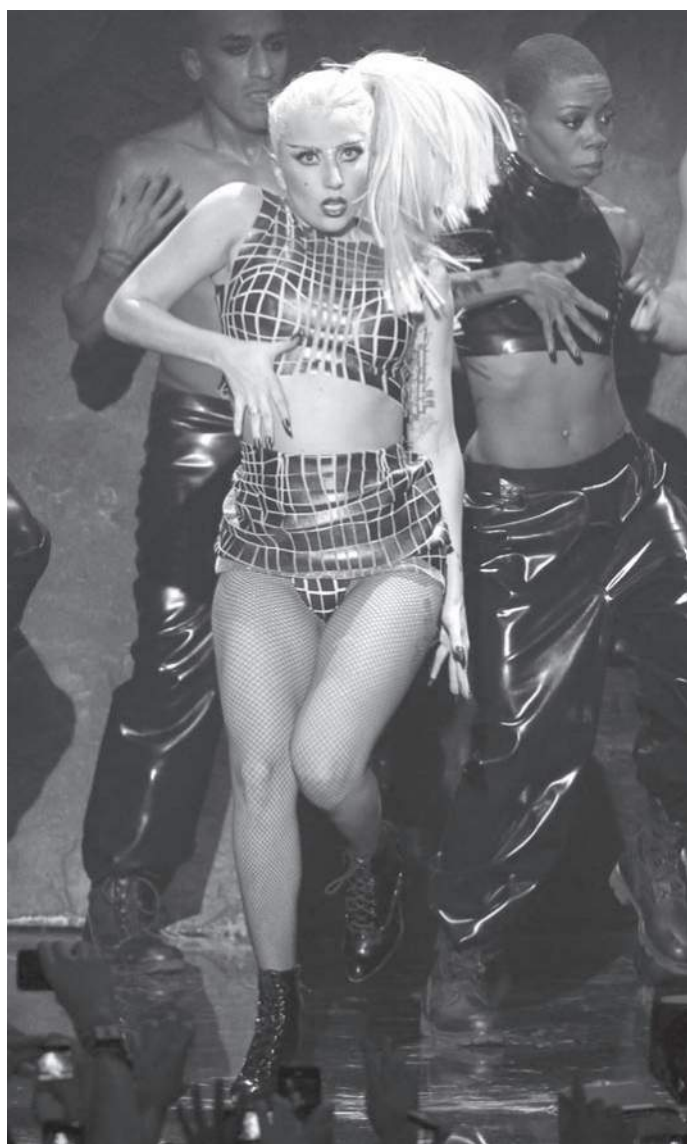
Gaga, striking in several outfits throughout the evening, also won for best song and best video for "Born This Way." Bieber picked up best pop act as well.

Their live performances captured the differences between the two ascendant mega-stars: the teenage Bieber, wholesome and almost impossibly cute; Gaga challenging and aggressively sexual in her approach.

Other awards went to Bruno Mars, Eminem and Katy Perry while the band Queen received the "Global Icon" award, in effect a lifetime achievement award to the now-graying rockers, who closed the show with a spirited set of their classics, including "We Will Rock You" and "We Are the Champions."

It was a rousing end to the awards show, a highlight on the European music calendar that also draws A-list stars from the United States. It was held in Belfast, Northern Ireland, for the first time.

Queen guitarist Brian May said the show focused attention on how Belfast had found "true peace" after years of sec-



Lady Gaga performs at the MTV European Music Awards 2011, in Belfast, Northern Ireland, Sunday, Nov. 6, 2011.

tarian violence.

"It's wonderful to be in Belfast," he said.

The show also included a video tribute to the late Amy Winehouse, who died earlier this year in London.

But the evening was dominated by Bieber and Gaga, the two crowd favorites.

The casually dressed Bieber said modestly that he had voted for competitor Kanye West and thanked his fans and family for his first award.

"Never say never, right?" he said, waving his trophy in the air.

After he won his second award, for best pop act, he praised his fans for staying with him despite "a lot of crap on the Internet," an apparent reference to unsupported allegations that he had fathered a child after a brief liaison.

Bieber took the stage a few minutes after Gaga accepted her award in characteristic style.

"Thank you so much, I love you so much. I'm so grateful. I'm really smiling right now, but I know you can't tell," said Gaga, wearing a bizarre silver dress with an oversize tilted hat that completely covered her face except for tiny holes that allowed her to see. She joked that she had had a lot of Botox treatment.

## U. Mich. rediscovers rare Chinese art collection

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP)—Propaganda pieces produced in China four decades ago during the Cultural Revolution have been unearthed in a storage room at the University of Michigan—a rare find in either the U.S. or its country of origin, experts said.

The rediscovery of the 15 poster-sized papercut images illustrating the political upheaval of the era is a pleasant surprise to scholars studying a society that was largely closed off from the West. The images are cut out of red paper in the same way that artists customarily create decorations for Chinese New

Year celebrations and other festivities. They include glowing portrayals of late Chinese leader Mao Zedong and Red Guards burning books and trampling on a Buddhist statue.

The handmade images were stored at the university's Center for Chinese Studies, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary. Carol Stepanchuk, the center's community outreach coordinator, found them while sorting through boxes in its storage room. She said the collection of 15 framed images "stood out." The frames weren't in great shape, but the images were in "remarkably

good condition," she said.

Stepanchuk took them to her office and brought the find to the attention of faculty members, who marveled at the rarity and quality of an entire set that tells a coherent story.

The late scholar Michel Oksenberg, who taught at the university for two decades, collected the papercuts while doing research in Hong Kong in the early 1970s and donated them to the center when he left in 1991 to lead the East-West Center in Honolulu.

Ena Schlorff, the center's program coordinator, remembered the donation.

"We were storing them for future consideration," said Schlorff, who had been Oksenberg's personal secretary. "It took the newer faculty ... to realize the current importance of this collection."

Associate history professor Wang Zheng said the collection was produced at a small, folk art institute in the southern province of Guangdong, and it most likely wasn't commissioned by Communist Party leaders. She said it shows how young artists at the time understood and related to the decade-long Cultural Revolution, and she plans to use one of the images in a book she is writing.

## Graham, America's most famous preacher, turns 93

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP)—For the Rev. Billy Graham, America's most famous evangelist across a career that lasted some six decades, the prospect of old age and death was for a long time something he tried not to think about, despite his convictions about the eternity that awaits human beings.

"I fought growing old in every way," Graham, who turns 93 on Monday, writes in the newly-published "Nearing Home," a book that ranges from Scripture quotations about the end of life to brass tacks advice on financial planning. "I faithfully exercised

and was careful to pace myself as I began to feel the grasp of Old Man Time. This was not a transition that I welcomed, and I began to dread what I knew would follow."

Graham's book, his 30th, comes not only as he reaches another year, but as America's huge Baby Boom generation moves into old age, its senior members now eligible for Social Security and retirement. And although in recent years Graham has stepped away from active public minis-

try, his willingness to be frank about the trials as well as the pleasures of growing old may still have an effect on the millions of Americans whose lives coincided with his time as the country's most famous preacher.

"I find that, talking to students and a lot of younger people, many of them don't know who Billy Graham is," said William Martin, author of "A Prophet With Honor: The Billy Graham Story" and a professor at Rice University. "But the



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**Ben Stiller, Eddie Murphy**  
Crime, Comedy • Rated PG 13

**Synopsis**

The workers at a posh Central Park condominium plot to steal back their pensions from the thieving Wall Street billionaire who's about to get away with the ultimate white-collar crime in this heist comedy starring Ben Stiller and Eddie Murphy. Financial giant Arthur Shaw (Alan Alda) has just been placed under house arrest in his luxury New York City penthouse for cleaning out his investors to the tune of two billion dollars. Meanwhile, on the complete opposite end of the financial spectrum, Josh Kovacs (Stiller) earns a modest living as the manager of the luxurious building where Shaw resides. Upon learning that the tower staffers who entrusted Shaw with their retirement funds are about to lose their life earnings, and that the thief will likely get off scot-free, Josh recruits crafty swindler Slide (Murphy) to help get their money back.

**A Very Harold and Kumar Christmas**

Friday		4:10	7:10	9:45
Saturday	1:10	4:10	7:10	9:45
Sunday	1:10	4:10	7:10	
Mon thru Thurs		4:10	7:10	

**John Cho, Kal Penn, Neil Patrick Harris**  
Comedy • Rated R

**Puss in Boots**

Friday		4:05	7:05	9:35
Saturday	1:05	4:05	7:05	9:35
Sunday	1:05	4:05	7:05	
Mon thru Thurs		4:05	7:05	

**Antonio Banderas, Salma Hayek**  
Children's/Family • Rated PG

**In Time**

Friday		4:20	7:20	9:40
Saturday	1:20	4:20	7:20	9:40
Sunday	1:20	4:20	7:20	
Mon thru Thurs		4:20	7:20	

**Justin Timberlake, Amanda Seyfried**  
Thriller • Rated PG 13

**The Three Musketeers**

Friday		7:25	
Saturday	1:25	7:25	
Sunday	1:25	7:25	
Mon thru Thurs		7:25	

**Logan Lerman, Milla Jovovich**  
Adventure • Rated PG 13

**Paranormal Activity 3**

Friday		4:15	7:15	9:50
Saturday	1:15	4:15	7:15	9:50
Sunday	1:15	4:15	7:15	
Mon thru Thurs		4:15	7:15	

**Henry Joost and Ariel Schulman, directing**  
Thriller, Horror • Rated R

**Footloose**

Friday		4:25	9:55
Saturday		4:25	9:55
Sunday		4:25	
Mon thru Thurs		4:25	

**Kenny Wormald, Julianne Hough**  
Musical, Drama • Rated PG 13

**Real Steel**

Friday		4:30	7:30	10:00
Saturday	1:30	4:30	7:30	10:00
Sunday	1:30	4:30	7:30	
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**Hugh Jackman, Dakota Goyo**  
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# Andy Williams says he has bladder cancer

**BRANSON, Mo.** (AP)—Singer Andy Williams told the crowd at his Christmas show Saturday night that he has bladder cancer.

The Tri-Lakes News reports the 83-year-old Williams appeared early in the show at the Moon River Theatre and vowed to return next year to celebrate his 75th year in show business (<http://bit.ly/uaedcs>).

"I do have cancer of the bladder," Williams said. "But that is no longer a death sentence. People with cancer are getting through this thing. They're kicking it, and they're winning more and more every year. And I'm going to be one of them."

The silver-haired "Moon

River" singer missed planned performances this fall with an undisclosed medical condition and the theater announced recently that he would likely miss his holiday schedule as well because of the condition. The newspaper reported he has not started treatment, though it did not identify the person who provided that information.

Williams' appearance Saturday was a surprise and brought a standing ovation from a nearly full house. The golden-voiced singer had a string of hits in the 1950s and '60s, including "Can't Get Used to Losing You" and "Butterfly, but he is best known for his version of "Moon River." He earned 18



Williams

gold and three platinum albums in his career.

Williams hosted annual Christmas specials on television

and performed Christmas shows on the road for many years. His 1963 recording, "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year," is a Christmas standard.

The Iowa native also hosted an Emmy-winning variety television program "The Andy Williams Show," from 1962-71. He published an autobiography, "Moon River and Me: A Memoir," in 2009.

Williams sang "The Christmas Song" (known as "Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire") at the theater he started in 1992 and said he would be back next September and October to celebrate.

"I'm going to do the shows I've planned to do," he said.

## 'Puss in Boots' stomps 'Tower Heist' at box office

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—"Puss in Boots" pounced on "Tower Heist" and "Harold & Kumar" at the box office.

The DreamWorks 3-D animated film, distributed by Paramount Pictures, earned \$33 million in its second weekend, according to studio estimates Sunday. The PG-rated film centering on the swashbuckling feline voiced by Antonio Banderas from the "Shrek" series surprisingly toppled the weekend's two new releases, bringing its total haul to \$75 million.

Universal's PG-13 revenge romp "Tower Heist" starring Ben Stiller and Eddie Murphy palmed \$25.1 million in the No. 2 spot, while the Warner Bros. R-rated sequel "A Very Harold & Kumar 3D Christmas" with John Cho and Kal Penn unwrapped \$13 million at No. 3.

Paul Dergarabedian, box-office analyst for Hollywood.com, said family films are tough to beat out.

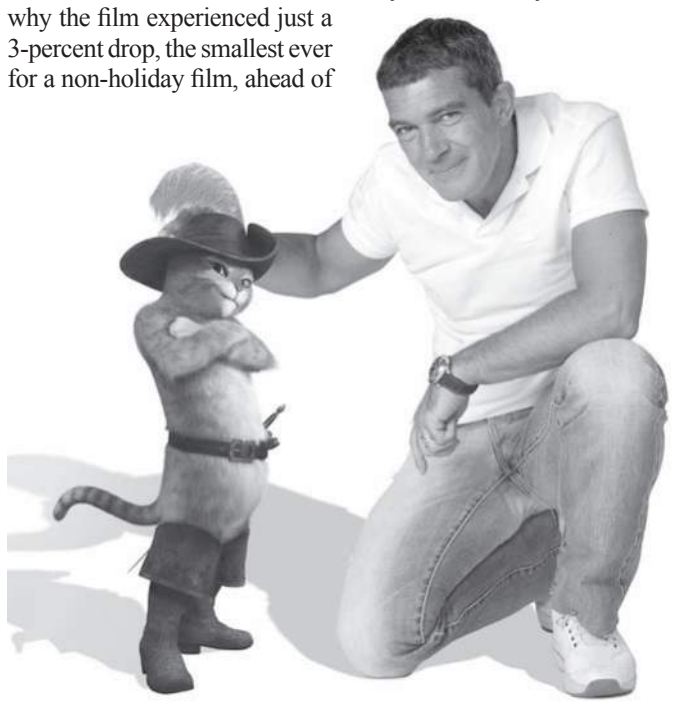
"From the re-release earlier this fall of 'The Lion King' to 'Dolphin Tale' and now 'Puss in Boots,' it seems that the family audience is the one you can really count on right now," said Dergarabedian. "I think the cavalry is definitely on the way though. We've got 'Immortals' and another 'Twilight' coming up, as well as a bunch of big releases in December."

Anne Globe, head of world-

wide marketing and consumer products at DreamWorks, said the decision to move up the opening of "Puss in Boots" to last weekend is one reason why the film experienced just a 3-percent drop, the smallest ever for a non-holiday film, ahead of

the 10-percent dip for "Twister" during its second weekend of release in 1996.

"To be No. 1 again is really extraordinary," said Globe.



DREAMWORKS ANIMATION LLC/MCT

Antonio Banderas voices Puss In Boots in DreamWorks Animation's "Puss In Boots."

1. "Puss in Boots," \$33 million. (\$15 million international.)
2. "Tower Heist," \$25.1 million. (\$9.5 million international.)
3. "A Very Harold & Kumar 3D Christmas," \$13 million.
4. "Paranormal Activity 3," \$8.5 million. (\$14.1 million international.)
5. "In Time," \$7.7 million. (\$16.6 million international.)
6. "Footloose," \$4.5 million.
7. "Real Steel," \$3.4 million. (\$10.7 million international.)
8. "The Rum Diary," \$2.9 million.
9. "The Ides of March," \$2 million.
10. "Moneyball," \$1.9 million.

### SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

#### Aretha Franklin honored in Cleveland tribute

**CLEVELAND** (AP)—Queen of Soul Aretha Franklin has been honored with a star-studded tribute at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland. The Plain Dealer reports that Lauryn Hill, Dennis Edwards of the Temptations and Chaka Khan were among those who entertained. The 69-year-old soul singer was not scheduled to perform, but toward the end of the three-hour event she took a seat at a piano and traded verses with Edwards in a rendition of "A Song for You." Franklin received a key to the city from Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson during the Saturday event and an honorary doctorate of humane letters from Case Western Reserve University. The show ended a weeklong American Music Masters tribute to her.

#### '60 Minutes' pays tribute to the late Andy Rooney

**NEW YORK** (AP)—"60 Minutes" has paid tribute to the late Andy Rooney with a rerun far sooner than anyone wanted to see. The former commentator died Friday night from complications after minor surgery. Only a month ago, the 92-year-old curmudgeon gave his final commentary after 33 years on television's favorite news-

magazine. On Sunday, veteran correspondent Morley Safer gave a short introduction about Rooney's death. Then, "60 Minutes" reran Safer's interview with Rooney that aired Oct. 2. It was filled with clips from Rooney's essays over the years. In his introduction, Safer said Rooney "had the special gift for speaking for every man." In Rooney's final essay, he said that he'd lived a life luckier than most and wished he "could do this forever."

#### Legendary Indian singer Bhupen Hazarika dies

**MUMBAI, India** (AP)—Legendary Indian singer Bhupen Hazarika, who composed music for hundreds of films, has died. He was 86 and had been in poor health for months. Hazarika composed music, wrote lyrics and sang for hundreds of films in the Hindi and Bengali languages. He popularized folk tunes from the remote northeastern state of Assam where he was born. He also wrote several books, essays and poems and directed several films. He was admitted to Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani hospital in June. Hospital spokesman Jayanta Saha said Hazarika died there of multiple organ failure. Hazarika began his career at age 12 when he sang for a film in the Assamese language.

## Birth of a baby should not be a spectator sport

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
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DEAR ABBY: "Pregnant with Apprehension" (Sept. 9) said she's dreading the birth of her second baby because her fiancé's mother wants to witness the birth. Apparently, "PWA" wants only her mother and her fiancé, "Cliff," in the delivery room. You said her wishes should be paramount. I agree.

I am a labor and delivery RN in a major medical center in California. More and more people today view birth as a sporting event. It's worse when the mother-in-law wants to be there because "it's her right."

"PWA" should let Cliff know if he can't stand up to his mom, her labor nurse will! I will be the one who informs visitors that it's hospital policy that there be only two people at the bedside, and there is NO bending the rule. That way, the mother-in-law can hate the nurse, but not her daughter-in-law or her son. I'll willingly take the heat for my patient if it means a better labor outcome for her and the family.

"BECAUSE I SAID SO"

**DEAR "BECAUSE":** Thank you for agreeing with me. However, those who disagreed shared experiences that are worth noting. My newspaper readers comment:

DEAR ABBY: For "PWA" to say she doesn't want Cliff's parents to see their grandchild for two weeks is selfish, and I don't think she should demand that her fiancé back her up on this. Her mother is going to be there from the moment of birth. While it's understandable she doesn't want anyone else in the delivery room, she shouldn't be surprised that his mother is hurt. His parents have a lot to offer and can be a big help to her.

Cliff needs to tell "PWA" she's being unreasonable. I wish my son had spoken up on my behalf. Being shut out of this blessed event is hurtful and causes tension. She has the right to dictate who is in the delivery room with her, but she shouldn't deny his parents their right to be a part of their grandchildren's lives.

BLESSED TO BE A NANA

DEAR ABBY: I didn't want my in-laws in the delivery room either, but I was sensitive to the fact that they are just as much family as my parents. My solution was to have just my husband present for the birth. Blending families together used to hold a greater importance, and I feel for parents who are feeling left out of their children's lives.

MAGGIE IN AIKEN, S.C.

DEAR ABBY: As a young mom, I almost always went to my parents for support, baby-sitting, etc. However, now that one of my sons has a baby of his own, I see the other side of the coin. It hurts not to enjoy the kind of relationship with the baby that my daughter-in-law's parents have. There must be middle ground.

While I would never invite myself into her delivery room (although it would have been nice to have been asked), or assume I could stay in their home immediately after the birth, some effort to include me should have been shown. I agree Cliff needs to explain to his parents the logistics of the situation, but in a way that still assures them they will have their special time, too.

THE OTHER GRANDMA

DEAR ABBY: If "PWA's" mother is staying with her, she should make sure the paternal grandmother helps with new baby duties for a few days as well. The bridges that are built now will go a long way later in life. She needs to think about the long-term relationship being built for the children. Cliff needs to be a dad, not a frat boy. But both of them need to grow up.

KAREN IN FORT COLLINS, COLO.

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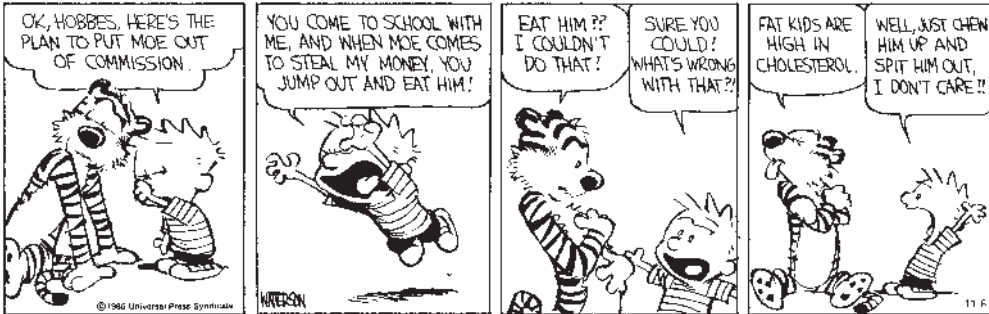
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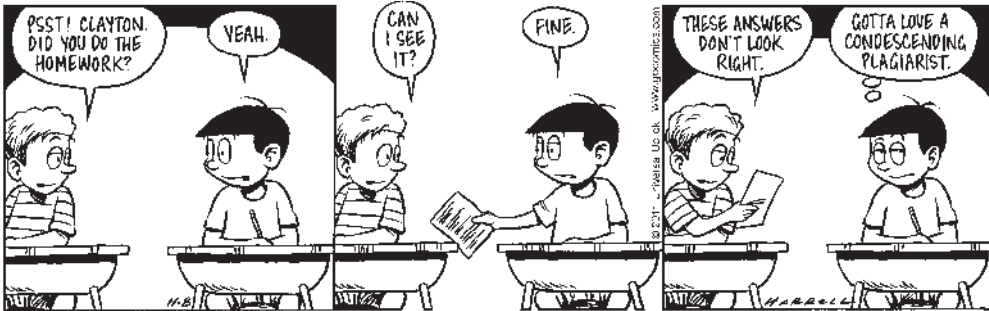


## Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

## The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



## CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

1 Chew at persistently  
5 Banned bug killer  
8 "American —"  
12 Architect  
13 Rage  
14 Exploding star  
15 Outer  
17 Campus area, for short  
18 Pigpen  
19 Ovum  
20 Sullen and gruff  
21 Agent  
22 Luau side dish  
23 Undoes a dele  
26 Log  
30 Basin accessory  
31 Wicked  
32 Corn Belt state  
33 Army rank  
35 Moist in the morn  
36 "Just kidding!"  
37 Owns  
38 Festoons

**DOWN**

41 Petrol  
42 Blackbird  
45 Poetic foot  
46 Hellish  
48 Transport on Oscar night  
49 Trench  
50 Hoisted, nautically  
51 U.S. fort where gold is kept  
52 Donkey  
53 Cameo gem

**4 Travail**  
**5 Having set-in stains**  
**6 "La Cage aux Folles" costuming**  
**7 — Aviv**  
**8 Requests for information**  
**9 Gloomy**  
**10 Elliptical**  
**11 Country trio —**  
**16 Dems.' rivals**  
**20 Old French coin**  
**21 Case for storing valuables**  
**22 Pea holder**  
**23 Moment**  
**24 Pair**  
**25 Moray, for one**  
**26 Tokyo-based carrier**  
**27 Affirmative action?**  
**28 Shock and —**  
**29 Legislation**  
**31 Wager**  
**34 Ph. bk. data**  
**35 Foundation**  
**37 Weapons' handles**  
**38 Luxurious fabric**  
**39 Large, heavy wagon**  
**40 Bullets et al.**  
**41 Wildebeests**  
**42 Unsigned (Abbr.)**  
**43 Almost black**  
**44 Holly**  
**46 Glass of NPR**  
**47 Pi follower**

**Solution time: 21 mins.**

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**Yesterday's answer 11-8**

## CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:

Jack Osbourne, 26; Parker Posey, 43; Courtney Thorne-Smith, 44; Bonnie Raitt, 62.

**Happy Birthday:** Engage in activities and events that show your abilities, talents and skills. Being good at what you do isn't enough. Being proactive is necessary to become successful. Rely on experiences and connections to help you forge ahead with enthusiasm. Socialize with people who can influence your job prospects. Your numbers are 7, 15, 28, 31, 35, 38, 45.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Don't hesitate. Implement changes that will help you make more money or stretch the money you make. A greater commitment to something or someone you believe in should be made. Good fortune can be yours if you promote and present what you have to offer. \*\*\*

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** An overzealous attitude won't help when dealing with personal matters. Tone things down and be observant in order to avoid an incident that can lead to trouble where a partnership is concerned. Don't invite a challenge. \*\*\*

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Offer what you can and see what you get in return. A partnership will bring new meaning to sharing. An investment can result in greater stability. Focus on making your home a sanctuary that brings you comfort and peace of mind. \*\*\*\*

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Collaborating with someone who shares your goals will lead to success. A change in your position or status will also bring you greater confidence and popularity. Travel will be costly, but using technology to get ahead will pay off. \*\*

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Shake things up. Changing your routine or visiting unfamiliar places will lead to greater enthusiasm and a new perspective from which to view the situations you've been facing. Love is highlighted. Make sure you spend time with someone you love. \*\*\*\*\*

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Greater attention to detail regarding your personal investments and your home life will be required. Don't take anything or anyone for granted. Someone you meet will offer you a deal that is more promising than you realize. Take a closer look. \*\*\*

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Spend time communicating with friends or relatives and you will discover information that will help you make better personal decisions. A partnership will pay off if it involves finances. Love is on the rise, but don't let it cost you. \*\*\*

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Get together with people who share your interests. Good fortune will be yours if you make subtle changes that add to your appeal. A move can help you strengthen a connection you have with someone special. Face-to-face contact will pay off. \*\*\*

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Travel if it will help bring you in contact with someone who can benefit you. Love is in the stars, but you must be willing to share equally if you want it to work. A change

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to your living arrangements will come with benefits. \*\*\*\*\*

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** You can offer help if you want, but you aren't likely to get anything in return. You are better off sticking close to home and putting more time and effort into your own personal needs. An opportunity to make extra cash is apparent. \*\*

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Apply for a new position. Changes with regard to how you earn your living look positive. Someone you collaborate with will bring value to whatever you decide to do. A partnership can lead to an interesting and profitable venture. \*\*\*\*\*

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Inconsistency is the enemy. Follow through or you will not be taken seriously. A problem with someone you love will be due to an inability to agree on what you both want out of life. Don't argue; it will only make matters worse. \*\*\*

**Birthday Baby:** You are a go-getter. You are determined, aggressive and proactive.

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## SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

1	6	8	2	4	3	5	9	7
2	3	9	7	8	5	6	1	4
7	5	4	6	1	9	3	2	8
9	1	5	4	3	7	8	6	2
4	8	3	5	6	2	9	7	1
6	7	2	8	9	1	4	3	5
3	4	7	1	5	6	2	8	9
8	9	1	3	2	4	7	5	6
5	2	6	9	7	8	1	4	3

## WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

**HOW TO PLAY:** All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS

Solution: 12 letters

O	E	P	Y	N	E	E	Y	L	I	M	A	F	E	Y
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G	U	S	I	E	X	E	N	E	L	P	T	N	H	
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Yesterday's Answer: Festive

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■ Must possess an excellent hygiene and cleanliness to work station.  
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■ Must be able to follow instructions from the cook.  
■ Must be knowledgeable in marketing of foods and supplies.  
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**Minor wins doubles in Australia**  
 By ROSELYN B. MONROYO  
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 REPORTER  
 Thea Minor ended her campaign in the 2011 Goulburn Valley Junior Championships in Australia on a high note after capturing the doubles crown in the U18 division of the five-day tournament.  
 Minor teamed up with fellow Pacific Islands team member Amanda Korinibawa in the doubles event.  
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Qualifications:

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- Coordinates with customers to meet their preliminary requiremets on installation of equipment.

Qualifications:

- Must have EPA Universal license.
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- Prepares payment vouchers for branch and other related disbursement activities.
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Administrative Support:

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- Promotes and strengthens ACE program of the branch.
- Ensures compliance of EH & S issues in accordance with UTC Safely Rules and Policies.
- Performs as Human Resource Coordinator and administrative officer of the branch.

Qualifications:

- Four (4) year Bachelor Degree in Accounting /college diploma or its equivalent.
- At least 3-5 years experience in HVAC industry.
- Knowledge in accounting, auditing and regulatory compliance.
- Excellent interpersonal skills, communication skills and interaction with internal and external customers.
- Ability to manage multiple tasks and meet deadlines in accounting closing period.
- Knowledge of Opera II software and other related accounting software.
- Must have experience in letter of credit.

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Job Description:

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- Input time in/ time out on electronic file and submit to Guam for approvals.
- Collates all necessary shipping documents of shipments then submit to Accounting for GRN
- Issues OR and prepares STR.
- Issues Store Requisition when store personnel is not available.
- Assists store as needed.
- Assists Project Sales in other needed documents.
- Inquire parts availability from Guam store, ARCD & vendors.
- Coordinates with forwarders in all shipping related matters.

Qualifications:

- Minimum of 3 - 5 years of administrative duties and related experience.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office applications ,Word, Excel and Power Point .
- Preferably college graduate or its equivalent educational degree.
- Excellent interpersonal skills, communication skills, phone skills/telephone manners.
- Ability to prioritize project, work relatively independently, manage multiple tasks and meet deadlines.
- Knowledge in Pegasus Opera II System, SAP & HVAC.
- Ability to be flexible, proactive and disciplined required.
- Ability to respond to customer inquiries and needs.
- Must have experience in Letters of Credit.

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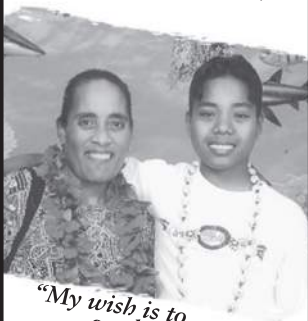
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# Dolphins pick up first win, 31-3, over Chiefs



**KANSAS CITY, Missouri** (AP)—The Miami Dolphins are no longer winless. Matt Moore threw for 244 yards and three touchdowns, Reggie Bush had 92 yards rushing and another score and the Dolphins walloped the Kansas City Chiefs 31-3 on Sunday.

Moore, who took over after Chad Henne had season-ending shoulder surgery, became the first Dolphins quarterback since Chad Pennington in 2008 to throw three TD passes. Two of them went to tight end Anthony Fasano and another to Brandon Marshall, who finished with eight catches for 106 yards.

The win by the Dolphins (1-7) leaves the Indianapolis Colts (0-9) as the NFL's only winless team.

Matt Cassel was 20 of 39 for 253 yards for Kansas City (4-4), which came into the game with a four-game winning streak.

## Falcons 31, Colts 7

In Indianapolis, Julio Jones caught touchdown passes of 50 and 80 yards to keep Indianapolis winless.

The Falcons (5-3) won their third straight and earned their first road victory in a series that dates to 1966. The Colts have lost five straight home games for the first time since 2001, and this defeat was every bit as lopsided as the score.

Indianapolis gave up 14 points off two turnovers, failed to score on offense and did not produce a first down during a span of nearly 30 minutes.

Jones caught three passes from Matt Ryan for 131 yards and two touchdowns in his return from a hamstring injury. The rookie also ran twice for 33 yards.

## Packers 45, Chargers 38

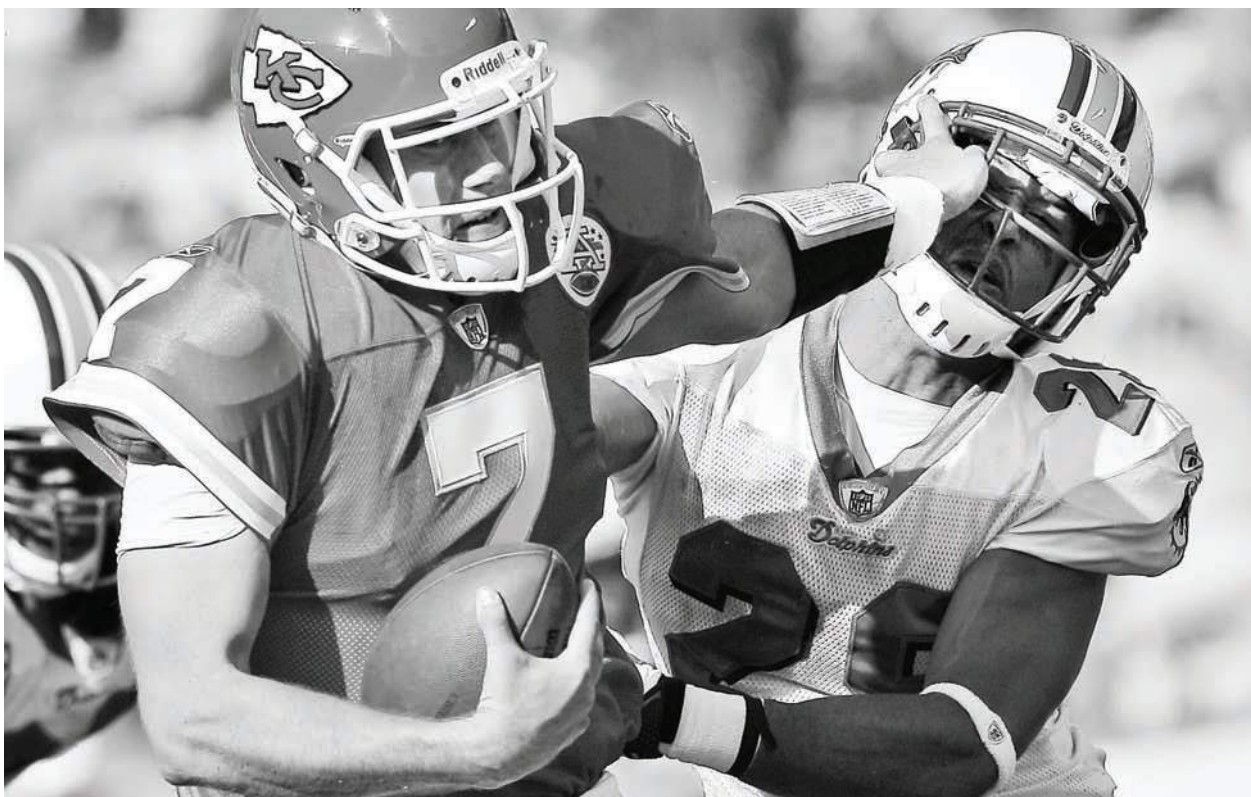
In San Diego, Aaron Rodgers threw touchdown passes to four receivers, Green Bay returned two Philip Rivers interceptions for scores withstood a wild finish to remain the NFL's only undefeated team.

The Packers improved to 8-0 behind Rodgers, who completed 21 of 26 passes for 247 yards. He has an NFL-high 24 TD passes.

The Packers led by 21 points early in the fourth before Rivers threw two TD passes to Vincent Jackson in the span of 1:07 midway through the quarter.

## Giants 24, Patriots 20

In Foxborough, Massachusetts, Eli Manning hit Jake Ballard for a 1-yard touchdown pass with 15 seconds left, repeating a New York comeback victory similar to the 2008 Super Bowl



Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Matt Cassel (7) tries to keep Miami Dolphins free safety Tyrone Culver (29) at bay during the first half of an NFL football game Sunday, Nov. 6, 2011, in Kansas City, Mo.

against New England.

The Giants won that one, 17-14, on Manning's 13-yard scoring pass to Plaxico Burress with 35 seconds remaining. This time, it looked like the Patriots would win with a comeback of their own when Tom Brady threw a 14-yard scoring pass to Rob Gronkowski, making it 20-17 with 1:36 to go.

## Ravens 23, Steelers 20

In Pittsburgh, Joe Flacco hit Torrey Smith for a 26-yard touchdown pass with 8 seconds to go, lifting Baltimore over Pittsburgh.

Five plays after letting a sure touchdown toss tip off his hands, Smith capped Baltimore's game-winning 92-yard drive by beating William Gay down the right sideline as the Ravens (6-2) snapped Pittsburgh's four-game winning streak.

Flacco finished with 300 yards passing and Baltimore swept the season series from the rival Steelers (6-3) for the first time since 2006.

The Steelers had rallied from a 10-point deficit to take a 20-16 lead with less than 5 minutes to go.

## 49ers 19, Redskins 11

In Landover, Maryland, Frank Gore ran for 107 yards, and the NFL's stingiest scoring defense forced three turnovers as San Francisco ran its

winning streak to six games.

The 49ers improved to 7-1 and have their longest winning streak since 1997. They are also 4-0 on the road for the first time since 1992 and hold a commanding lead in the NFC West.

Alex Smith completed 17 of 24 passes for 200 yards. He hit rookie fullback Bruce Miller late in the first half for the seventh-round draft pick's first career touchdown. David Akers kicked four field goals.

## Jets 27, Bills 11

In Orchard Park, New York, Mark Sanchez threw a touchdown to Santonio Holmes, and the Jets' sturdy defense forced three turnovers in a key AFC East midseason showdown.

Sanchez's 8-yard pass to Holmes with 3:27 left in the third quarter helped blow open the game as the Jets (5-3) won their third straight — and first on the road — to move into a tie with the Bills (5-3). LaDainian Tomlinson also scored on a 1-yard dive in the second half, three plays after Jim Leonhard recovered Fred Jackson's fumble.

## Bengals 24, Titans 17

In Nashville, Tennessee, Andy Dalton threw for three touchdowns and 217 yards as Cincinnati rallied from a 10-point deficit for its fifth straight victory.

The Bengals (6-2) last won five in a

row in 1988 when they won the AFC championship and went to their second Super Bowl. They also improved to 4-1 on the road with the rookie quarterback leading the Bengals to 17 unanswered points as he tossed TD passes to three different receivers.

## Cardinals 19, Rams 13 OT

In Glendale, Arizona, rookie Patrick Peterson returned a punt 99 yards for a touchdown in overtime to lift Arizona over St. Louis.

Peterson, whose pass interference penalty moments earlier seemed to set up the Rams (1-7) for a game-winning field goal, fielded the ball at the 1. He evaded and bounced off tacklers over the next 30 yards or so, then outran everyone, striding the last few yards in celebration of his third punt return TD of the season as Arizona (2-6) snapped a six-game losing streak.

Arizona's Calais Campbell blocked Josh Brown's 42-yard field goal attempt as regulation ended to force the overtime.

## Broncos 38, Raiders 24

In Oakland, California, Eddie Royal returned a punt 85 yards for the tiebreaking score, Willis McGahee ran for 163 yards and Tim Tebow threw two touchdown passes.

McGahee had a 60-yard touchdown

run that tied the game on the first play after Carson Palmer threw his second of three interceptions for the Raiders (4-4). McGahee then added a 24-yarder to ice it.

Tebow did much of his damage with his legs, rushing for a career-high 117 yards on 12 carries. He did enough damage with his arm to keep the Raiders honest, throwing touchdowns to Eric Decker and Royal.

## Saints 27, Buccaneers 16

In New Orleans, Drew Brees passed for 258 yards and two touchdowns, and New Orleans running backs combined for 195 yards rushing.

Brees' scoring passes went for 3 yards to Lance Moore and 21 yards to Darren Sproles. Pierre Thomas added a tackle-breaking 9-yard score for the Saints (6-3), who saw their running game bounce back after gaining only 56 yards in a humbling loss at St. Louis a week earlier.

Despite losing cornerback Tracy Porter to a neck injury early in the game, New Orleans held Tampa Bay (4-4) without a touchdown until Josh Freeman hit Kellen Winslow with 5:33 left.

Freeman had 281 yards passing, but was routinely pressured into making poor throws.

## Cowboys 23, Seahawks 13

In Arlington, Texas, Tony Romo shook off an inefficient first half to throw for a pair of touchdowns.

Romo had no trouble moving the ball from the start, but the Cowboys (4-4) settled for field goals on consecutive drives that stalled at the 2-yard line and inside the 1. On the next series, Dez Bryant was inside the 1 when a hit he never saw coming caused him to fumble the ball away.

Tied at 6 coming out for the second half, Dallas pulled away behind Romo's touchdown passes of 33 yards to Jason Witten and 6 yards to Laurent Robinson.

## Texans 30, Browns 12

In Houston, Arian Foster rushed for 124 yards, Ben Tate ran for 115 as Houston set a franchise record with 261 yards on the ground.

The Texans (6-3), playing without injured receiver Andre Johnson for the fifth straight game, had a pair of 100-yard rushers for the second time in three weeks and moved three games over .500 for the first time.

The Browns (3-5) totaled 172 yards, the third straight opponent Houston has held under 200.

# Phillies sign veteran slugger Thome to 1-year deal



## PHILADELPHIA

(AP)—Jim Thome wants his second stint in Philadelphia to come with the World Series title he missed the first time around.

Thome agreed to a \$1.25 million, one-year contract with the Phillies on Saturday, returning to the franchise for a second time.

The 41-year-old Thome hit .256 with 15 home runs and 50 RBI in a combined 93 games with the Minnesota Twins and Cleveland Indians last season. He batted .350 with runners in scoring position and .424 over his final 11 games of the season.

"Every player sees the way the Phillies have done things," Thome said.

"They've set the bar very, very high."

Thome played for Philadelphia from 2003-05 and has remained close with Phillies manager Charlie Manuel, his hitting coach for several years in Cleveland.

"Everyone knows my relationship with Jimmy," Manuel said. "But he's not here because of that. He's here to contribute to our team in a positive way, both on and off the field."

Thome hit .260 with 96 home runs and 266 RBIs in his first stint with the Phillies. "I think the Phillies have set the bar very high in baseball," Thome said. "This is as good a place in baseball right now to be in."

Thome has a .277 career average with 604 homers and 1,674 RBIs. He

is one of just eight players to hit more than 600 homers.

Thome was once considered the Phillies' franchise player when he signed as a free agent in the winter of 2002.

With his down-home charm and mammoth homers, Thome was an instant hit in Philadelphia. He led the NL in homers in 2003 with 47 and hit 42 the next season. In the final game at Veterans Stadium in 2003, Hall of Famer Mike Schmidt raised Thome's hand at home plate in a symbolic passing of the torch.

On June 14, 2004, Thome hit career homer No. 400 in Philadelphia.

Back and elbow injuries limited him to 59 games in 2005, when he slumped to .207 with seven homers and 30

RBIs in 193 at-bats. Ryan Howard's emergence made it easier to consider moving Thome.

Howard is recovering from surgery on his left Achilles. Thome, expected to add some left-handed pop off the bench, could be called on to play first base. Thome said he'll be preparing this offseason. Aside from a symbolic appearance at third base for the Indians in his finale at Progressive Field this season, Thome has not played defensively since 2007.

Thome had been taking his career year by year. When Amaro and the Phillies called early in the free agency period, Thome jumped at the reunion.

"When a team like the Phillies called, that's a great opportunity to be in," he

said. "There was history here. I think to me, it was a good decision."

Thome went to the World Series in 1995 and 1997 but the Indians came up short both times. He left after the 2002 season and signed a six-year, \$85 million deal with the Phillies. Thome helped usher in the Phillies' move to Citizens Bank Park in 2004 and their rise to NL East contenders.

He was traded before the Phillies started their current run of five straight NL East titles. The Phillies won the World Series in 2008 and were eliminated this season by eventual champion St. Louis in the NL division series.

Winning a World Series is the lone void over Thome's stellar career. He believes a return to the perennial NL power can help win him a ring.

"When they win, they create a lot of very good things," Thome said.

# Big comeback, big finish lead Kaymer to win HSBC



**SHANGHAI** (AP)—Martin Kaymer was five shots behind and going nowhere Sunday, making nothing but pars when he needed much more to give himself a chance in the HSBC Champions.

From a deep bunker in front of the seventh green, he holed the sand shot for a birdie, and suddenly the game felt easy.

Very easy.

That was the start of an amazing finish for Kaymer, who ran off nine birdies over the last 12 holes to blow past Fredrik Jacobson and a host of stars on his way to a 9-under 63 and a three-shot victory at Sheshan International.

"I didn't miss a lot of golf shots," Kaymer said.

It's a wonder he didn't birdie them all. He missed a 3-foot birdie putt on the ninth, and failed to birdie the par-5 14th and the 16th hole that plays about 288 yards and can be reached with a 3-wood.

No matter.

Kaymer wound up setting two World Golf Championship records that showed just how well the "Germanator" played on a cool, overcast day in Shanghai. It was the largest comeback (five shots) in the final round, and his 63 was the lowest final round by a winner since this series began in 1999.

"I just played really good golf, and I'm glad that it came together," Kaymer said. "Because the last few weeks, I played good golf but it has not happened yet. And this week, it was nice that it happened here, the World Golf Championship event."

Kaymer, the PGA champion at Whistling Straits last year, became the 10th player to have won a major and a WGC event.

His standard of golf was so high that it nearly shifted atten-

tion away from caddie Steve Williams and the racial comment he made about Tiger Woods earlier in the week at a caddies award party.

That still lingered, however. PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem and European Tour chief executive George O'Grady issued a statement on behalf of the six major tours that there was "no place for any form of racism is ours or any other sport" and that Williams' comment was "unacceptable in whatever context."

Even so, the tours said Williams' apology for his racial slur against Woods - "It was my aim to shove it up his black a-----" - was sufficient enough that they considered the matter closed and declined further comment.

Adam Scott, who has employed Williams since Woods fired the caddie, closed with a 73 and tied for 11th. Scott said he was comfortable with the tours' statement, which matched his own feelings, and that he "absolutely" would keep Williams on the bag.

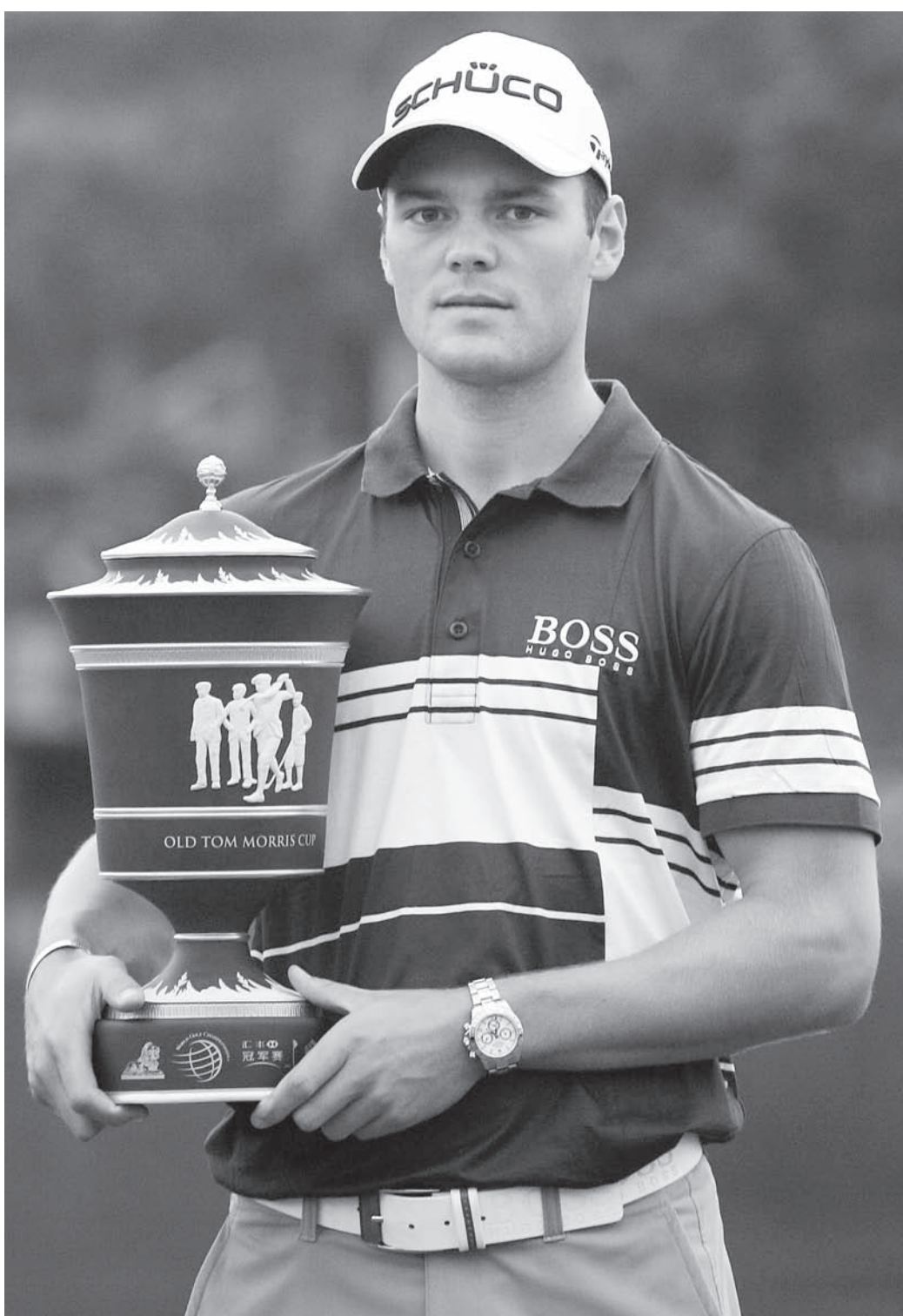
Kaymer, who finished at 20-under 268 and earned \$1.2 million, moved to second on the European Tour money list and to No. 4 in the world ranking. He still has golf left this year, although it sure gave him a different outlook.

He opened his season with an eight-shot win over a strong field at Abu Dhabi, and five weeks later went to No. 1 in the world. But he struggled with his sudden popularity and the demands that came along with it, and Kaymer hasn't looked the same.

That's what made this win so important.

"It was an OK year," he said. "But now it's a good year."

Jacobson was steady until a three-putt bogey from across the green on the par-5 eighth. But after Kaymer ran off four straight birdies on the back nine to catch him and pull ahead, Ja-



Martin Kaymer of Germany holds the champion trophy during the award ceremony of the HSBC Champions golf tournament in Shanghai, China Sunday, Nov. 6, 2011.

cobson answered with a pair of birdies to stay with him.

The Swede just couldn't hold on. He realized Kaymer had

made a birdie on the 17th to go one ahead, and not only did Jacobson fail to match him, he pulled his tee shot into the left

rough on the 17th and took bogey. That put him three shots behind when Kaymer made one last birdie on the 18th, and Ja-

cobson at that point was content to lay up on the par-5 18th and keep second place to himself.

"I felt I was very much in it," said Jacobson, who closed with a 71. "Obviously, 17 was a bit of a swing after I hit my tee shot. I knew if I was going to have a shot at it, I probably had to get up-and-down to have a realistic chance."

Graeme McDowell finished with two birdies for a 67 to finish alone in third, quite a turnaround from last week in the Andalucia Masters when he failed to break 80 in the last two rounds at Valderrama.

Rory McIlroy made a short birdie on the par-5 18th that gave him a 69 and proved significant. It put him in a three-way tie for fourth, allowing him to move past Lee Westwood to No. 2 in the world.

Westwood, playing in the same group as McIlroy, shot 40 on the front nine and closed with a 74 to tie for 13th with Ian Poulter and Xin-jun Zhang of China, who inspired the gallery by holing a pitch for eagle on the 16th hole to salvage a 72.

Kaymer has experience going low. Sunday in Shanghai reminded him of his first year as a pro when he played a mini-tour in Germany. After a par-bogey start, he played his last 16 holes in 14 under to shoot a 59.

Europe now occupies the first four positions in the world ranking, starting with Luke Donald at No. 1.

Even though he wasn't at Sheshan International—his wife is expecting their second child - Donald came out a big winner.

PGA champion Keegan Bradley had a 72-72 weekend, keeping him from a third win this year that could have changed players' minds about their vote for PGA Tour player of the year. And with McIlroy failing to win, it kept Donald with a \$1.4 million lead in Europe as he tries to become the first player to win money titles on the PGA and European tours.



**NEWYORK** (AP)—NBA players have until Wednesday to accept Commissioner David Stern's latest offer, though the response already seems obvious.

"Right now, we've been given the ultimatum, and our answer is that's not acceptable to us," union president Derek Fisher said.

But the next proposal promises to be worse, surely moving players and owners even further apart and threatening to destroy the season.

Early Sunday morning, the league said it offered players up to 51 percent of basketball-related income - a figure the union insists is fiction. Regardless, it will drop to 47 percent Wednesday if players don't accept the current offer by the league-imposed deadline.

No agreement by the deadline likely will trigger more calls to disband the union and

## Complicated issues remain before next NBA deadline

take on the league in court, a battle that would take months.

"It's fair to say that there are some who believe a vote to decertify is a vote to end the season," said a person familiar with the owners' thinking who spoke to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the talks. "The owners are hopeful that the players have a chance to vote on what is on the table, what's proposed now, because no one knows what happens next."

Players don't seem eager to act quickly.

"These are professional basketball players, the finest athletes in the world. How do you think they feel about threats? How do you think they feel about efforts at intimidation?" attorney Jeffrey Kessler said.

Fisher and Kessler said the league's time-sensitive deal - Stern refused to call it an ultimatum - came near the conclu-

sion of Saturday's talks.

At a charity basketball game in Portland, Ore., on Sunday night, Kevin Durant expressed frustration with the stalemate.

"Sickening, man, just sickening," the Oklahoma City star said. "Us, as players, we sacrificed, we gave up money, we did what we had to do, now it's up to the owners, and it looks like they're not going to give in. At this point now, it's starting to get bad, because we've done all we can do, I think. They're trying to pressure us and back us in a corner. If they're going to do that, it's not fair. We're going to stand firm."

The sides had hoped they could complete a deal this weekend with the help of federal mediator George Cohen. He released a statement Sunday commending the parties for "their willingness to examine solutions to their current dispute" and offering to assist in the future.

Although the revenue gap has narrowed, the sides are at a standstill on the system issues players insist are just as important.

The union believes the league's proposals to increase luxury tax penalties, and eliminate or reduce some spending options, essentially would prevent the biggest-spending teams from being free agent options. A "repeater tax" would further punish teams that were taxpayers a fourth time in a five-year span, and players fear the penalty that awaits teams who receive money from the tax pool but suddenly take on salary and go into the tax would discourage spending.

"The big story here is they want it all," Kessler said. "They want the system where taxpayers will never be in the marketplace, and that for repeat taxpayers it's going to be like a hard salary cap. And those deals are

not acceptable for players today; it's not acceptable for future generations of players. I said, this is an example of they want a win, win, win, win. We wanted to compromise. They're not giving the players a lot of choice."

Though each side claimed credit for economic moves, it appears there was little to no progress.

Stern said the league proposed a band where players could earn anywhere from 49 percent to 51 percent of BRI, based on revenue growth. Union officials said there was almost no way they could get to the ceiling, leaving them right at the 50-50 split owners have said they wouldn't go past.

Players added they were the ones who were willing to reduce their guarantee down to 51 percent, with 1 percent of that going into a fund for retired player benefits, a move one person familiar with their thinking

said was made in hopes of "preserving some of a system that's already being gutted."

Stern said he believed he could get owners to pass the current proposal, even though some hard-liners would prefer a 53-47 split in their favor immediately. That would be in the next proposal, along with a call for a flex salary cap, which players rejected in June before the lockout began.

But Stern said they're ready to go with the one that was put on the table Sunday.

"Well, they certainly would come closer than our current system," he said. "They're, I think, the best we could do at this time. So we're prepared to live by them if they're accepted by the players."

With the union unwilling to take the latest proposal to its members for a vote, both sides also must be prepared to live with the real possibility of the loss of more games and possibly the season.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
East						
New England	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Jets	5	3	0	.625	222	184
Buffalo	5	3	0	.625	199	163
Miami	5	3	0	.625	222	174
	1	7	0	.125	138	169
South						
Houston	6	3	0	.667	236	157
Tennessee	4	4	0	.500	156	169
Jacksonville	2	6	0	.250	98	163
Indianapolis	0	9	0	.000	128	283
North						
Cincinnati	6	2	0	.750	195	140
Baltimore	6	2	0	.750	208	130
Pittsburgh	6	3	0	.667	196	162
Cleveland	3	5	0	.375	119	170
West						
Kansas City	4	4	0	.500	131	201
San Diego	4	4	0	.500	199	204
Oakland	4	4	0	.500	184	216
Denver	3	5	0	.375	171	224
NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East						
N.Y. Giants	6	2	0	.750	198	184
Dallas	4	4	0	.500	179	175
Philadelphia	3	4	0	.429	179	152
Washington	3	5	0	.375	127	158
South						
New Orleans	6	3	0	.667	287	205
Atlanta	5	3	0	.625	189	170
Tampa Bay	4	4	0	.500	147	196
Carolina	2	6	0	.250	187	207
North						
Green Bay	8	0	0	1.000	275	179
Detroit	6	2	0	.750	239	147
Chicago	4	3	0	.571	170	150
Minnesota	2	6	0	.250	172	199
West						
San Francisco	7	1	0	.875	206	118
Seattle	2	6	0	.250	122	185
Arizona	2	6	0	.250	162	196
St. Louis	1	7	0	.125	100	211

**Yesterday's Games**  
Dallas 23, Seattle 13  
Miami 31, Kansas City 3  
New Orleans 27, Tampa Bay 16  
Houston 30, Cleveland 12  
San Francisco 19, Washington 11  
N.Y. Jets 27, Buffalo 11  
Atlanta 31, Indianapolis 7  
Denver 38, Oakland 24  
Cincinnati 24, Tennessee 17  
Green Bay 45, San Diego 38  
Arizona 19, St. Louis 13, OT  
N.Y. Giants 24, New England 20  
Baltimore 23, Pittsburgh 20

HSBC CHAMPIONS SCORES

**SHANGHAI (AP)**—Scores Sunday from the HSBC Champions, a \$7 million World Golf Championship at the par-72, 7,266-yard Sheshan International Golf Club:

FINAL ROUND	
Martin Kaymer, \$1,200,000	69-68-68-63—268
Fredrik Jacobson, \$675,000	67-66-67-71—271
Graeme McDowell, \$430,000	69-69-67-67—272
Charl Schwartzel, \$258,333	70-69-69-65—273
Paul Casey, \$258,333	70-66-70-67—273
Rory McIlroy, \$258,333	70-69-65-69—273
Justin Rose, \$155,000	68-70-70-66—274
Hunter Mahan, \$155,000	71-67-69-67—274
Louis Oosthuizen, \$155,000	71-63-68-72—274
Jhonattan Vegas, \$125,000	69-73-65-68—275
Bo Van Pelt, \$110,000	67-69-70-70—276
Adam Scott, \$110,000	69-65-69-73—276
Ian Poulter, \$90,000	70-68-69-71—278
Xin-jun Zhang, \$90,000	74-68-64-72—278
Lee Westwood, \$90,000	69-68-67-74—278
K.J. Choi, \$79,333	68-70-72-69—279
Simon Dyson, \$79,333	69-69-70-71—279
Keegan Bradley, \$79,333	65-70-72-72—279
John Senden, \$75,000	72-68-70-70—280
Nicolas Colsaerts, \$71,000	74-69-68-70—281
Lucas Glover, \$71,000	76-68-71-66—281
Pablo Larrazabal, \$71,000	70-69-70-72—281
Jeev Milkha Singh, \$62,500	72-73-69-68—282
Francesco Molinari, \$62,500	70-70-71-71—282
Aaron Baddeley, \$62,500	69-68-73-72—282
Anders Hansen, \$62,500	71-69-70-72—282
Jonathan Byrd, \$62,500	71-68-70-73—282
Jbe' Kruger, \$62,500	70-70-68-74—282
Rory Sabbatini, \$56,500	69-71-71-72—283
Thongchai Jaidee, \$56,500	68-69-72-74—283
Harrison Frazar, \$56,500	70-75-64-74—283
Yuta Ikeda, \$56,500	70-71-68-74—283
Peter Hanson, \$52,000	69-73-71-71—284
Robert Rock, \$52,000	70-70-71-73—284
Lee Slattery, \$52,000	76-71-68-69—284
Ernie Els, \$52,000	75-69-72-68—284
Nick Watney, \$52,000	71-75-71-67—284
Chinnarat Phadungsil, \$47,500	71-69-74-71—285
Darren Clarke, \$47,500	73-76-67-69—285
Jim Herman, \$47,500	74-70-73-68—285
Miguel Jimenez, \$47,500	72-68-68-77—285
Thomas Bjorn, \$43,500	72-71-71-73—287
Bill Haas, \$43,500	74-69-68-76—287
Scott Stallings, \$43,500	70-74-72-71—287
Stuart Appleby, \$43,500	77-70-71-69—287
Keith Horne, \$40,500	71-70-73-74—288
Hiroyuki Fujita, \$40,500	74-71-73-73—288
Ben Crane, \$40,500	75-71-74-68—288
Alexander Noren, \$38,000	67-75-70-77—289
Jung-gon Hwang, \$38,000	72-72-70-75—289
Ashun Wu, \$38,000	72-69-70-78—289
Siddikur Rahman, \$38,000	75-73-67-74—289
Alvaro Quiros, \$38,000	72-67-71-79—289
Paul Lawrie, \$38,000	72-71-72-74—289
Kyung-tae Kim, \$38,000	73-77-71-68—289
Geoff Ogilvy, \$35,500	75-69-69-77—290
Robert Karlsson, \$35,500	74-75-68-73—290
Mark Wilson, \$35,500	71-73-77-69—290
Tetsuji Hiratsuka, \$34,000	72-70-72-77—291
David Toms, \$34,000	68-76-71-76—291
Michio Matsumura, \$34,000	74-71-71-75—291
Wen-Chong Liang, \$32,500	72-73-71-76—292
Jim Furyk, \$32,500	78-68-73-73—292
Michael Hoey, \$32,500	76-70-74-72—292
S.S.P. Chowrasia, \$31,500	73-74-73-73—293
D.A. Points, \$30,750	73-71-73-77—294
Kiradech Aphibarnrat, \$30,750	79-72-71-72—294
Chez Reavie, \$30,000	70-75-68-82—295
Matteo Manassero, \$29,500	82-71-70-73—296
Thomas Aiken, \$29,000	76-75-69-77—297
David Gleeson, \$28,500	71-70-76-81—298
Alistair Presnell, \$27,750	75-75-73-76—299
Chan Yih-shin, \$27,750	75-74-76-74—299
Hao Yuan, \$27,000	72-78-74-76—300
Pablo Martin, \$26,500	76-71-74-80—301
Tom Lewis, \$26,000	78-71-72-83—304
Adam Bland, \$25,500	75-76-81-80—312
Bobby Gates, \$25,000	75-68-69—WD

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Voyagers, Shark Attack still in lead

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Jonny's Bar & Grill's IT&E Voyagers and Wild Bill's Bar & Grill's Shark Attack continue to dominate their respective Agingan and Obyan divisions after the conclusion of Tuesday's Saipan Billiards Association 2011 Budweiser Summer/Fall Open 8-Ball League matchups.

The IT&E Voyagers shot down Joe's Steakhouse's Fotten Palau (15-55), 5-1, at home to improve its win-loss record to 54-16.

The team now holds a seven-game lead in the Agingan field. However runner-up IT&E Incredibles gained a game on the frontrunner following



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The IT&E Incredibles, seen here in a file photo, defeated Utopia Sports Bar's Docomo Hustlers, 6-1, at home in last Tuesday's SBA Budweiser Open 8-Ball League Agingan matchup held at Sand's Bar.

a 6-1 shellacking of Utopia Sports Bar's Docomo Hustlers (36-34) at

home in Sand's Bar. Meanwhile, Jonny's Home Boys

MP UNITED

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work. They gave their best in every game, regardless which team they were facing. Most of our players are members of the CNM U15 National Team, but even though they are part of the elite squad, they are always told not to be too complacent," coach Norman del Rosario said.

"Every season, other teams improved so we have to keep playing our A game. Against Tan Holdings, we want to give Gregzon a birthday gift. He also wanted to give himself a gift and that was not to allow Tan Hold-

ings to score," Del Rosario added.

Gregzon made several saves, most of them came in the second half when Tan Holdings became more aggressive, hoping to make it to the scoreboard after falling behind at halftime, 0-4.

Dakota Hall notched two of those four goals in the first half for MP United Silver. He drilled his first goal in the 25th minute and seven minutes later had his second one. Jehn Joyner broke the ice with a goal in the 18th minute and after only one minute, Ryota Ito also scored.

In the second half, Hall completed a hat-trick with his goal in the 73rd minute, while Joyner canned his second goal less than 40 seconds after the former lit up the scoreboard.

MOBIL

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Fiesta and GPPC had a shootout from downtown with the former having the edge in the end after canning a season-best 13 triples against the latter's eight. Esdreton had a bundle of those treys, making 10. The Fiesta gunner connected on more triples than two-point field goals to finish with a game-high 36 points.

Esdreton drained a barrage of treys in the third canto, hitting five shots from beyond the arc to give Fiesta the upper hand, 67-58. Fiesta trailed at halftime, 41-46, despite getting 11 points from Brandon Talania in the second quarter. Randy Mungcal and Alex Ocampo scored 23 and 11 markers, respectively, in the first half for GPPC to threaten Fiesta. However, they went cold at the

start of the second half, combining for only nine points in the third period. GPPC was held to 12 points in the third canto and was outscored by a one Fiesta player—Esdreton, who drilled 16 markers in that quarter.

Esdreton buried three more treys in the final canto, while Ernie Moises saved his best for last, firing 10 markers after posting only seven in the first three periods en route to Fiesta's 18-point victory. Moises finished with 17 points, while Talania chipped in 21.

Mungcal paced GPPC with 28 markers, while Ocampo added 25.

In the second game, Mobil survived the absence of Jun Estolas and Gyles Ruloked, as Marvin Rabauliman delivered his usual A game and Ron Gamboa stepped up after a so-so performance in previous games.

Rabauliman tallied 22 points, while Gamboa contributed 20. Gamboa

made 12 of his total points in the fourth period, helping Mobil maintain its distance over Wushin, while Rabauliman scored eight. Bart Demapan also finished in double figures with 12, six of them came in the final canto.

With Estolas and Ruloked missing Mobil's sixth game, the team struggled offensively in the first period and led by only a hair, 18-17. It was back to square one after the first half, 38-all, as Wushin remained afloat behind the three triples of George Villasan in the second canto.

Mobil regrouped at the start of the second and tightened up its defense, allowing only three Wushin players to score for a 57-50 cushion. Mobil hung on to the lead in the final canto with the trio of Demapan, Rabauliman, and Gamboa teaming up on offense.

Mobil now has a 5-1 record for the solo lead in the 10-team field and one win

(37-33) jumped into the third spot after skunking VFW Post 3457's X-Tream (21-49), 7-0, on the road.

Shark Attack, meanwhile, snuck past Jonny's Team SCS, 4-3, to improve its slate to 46-24.

Nine games back is D'Pirates Bar's Pirata which endured a 3-4 home upset to 19th Hole Bar's Poksu (35-35). Jonny's Crazy 8 (33-37), for its part, edged 19th Hole's Titans (24-46), 4-3, on the road.

The season continues tomorrow with Agingan's IT&E Voyagers calling over sister team IT&E Incredibles, X-Tream playing host to the Docomo Hustlers, and Fotten Palau welcoming Home Boyz Five.

Obyan matchups feature Team SCS hosting Pirata, the Titans drawing home Poksu, and Shark Attack taking on Crazy 8 on the road.

chipped in one each.

The all-female crew of Shirley's FC 2 finished the fall season with a dismal 1-6 win-loss record.

Paire 1, Matansa 1

The last game in the boys U15 between Paire and Matansa ended in a draw.

Brian Lee scored the lone goal for Paire, finding the back of the net in the 40th minute. Then three minutes into the second half, Matansa's Jireh Yobech made the equalizer.

With the draw, Matansa wrapped up the regular season with a 3-2-1 card for second place in the team standings, while Paire ended up at third with a 3-1-2 record.

ahead of defending champion PIC/NVM and DFS Galleria, which hold similar 4-1 slates. Wushin fell to a 2-4 mark.

First Game

**Fiesta 99** — Esdreton 36, Talania 21, Moises 17, Berline 10, Ong 9, Salazar 4, Rabago 2.

**GPPC, Inc. 81** — Mungcal 28, Ocampo 25, Sampang 14, Siega 6, A. Tagle 3, M. Tagle 2, Rivera 2, Jalandoni 1.

**Scoring by quarters:** 15-18, 41-46, 67-58, 99-81.

Second Game

**Mobil 87** — Rabauliman 22, Gamboa 20, Jose 12, Demapan 12, Gapor 8, Bautista 8, De Guzman 5, Tavares 2.

**Wushin 77** — Tobias 28, Villasan 18, Tibayan 16, O. Ebuon 10, Santos 4, De Jesus 3.

**Scoring by quarters:** 18-17, 38-38, 57-50, 87-77.

kyo on Nov. 12 and 13 and will leave Saipan with coach Kimura on Friday. Kensuke Kimura is entered in the 100m individual medley and 50m freestyle swims of the short course tournament (25-meter pool) at the Tokyo Tatsumi International Swimming Center, while Tenorio is joining the 50m breaststroke and 50m freestyle races.

(80), Tom Tebuteb (88), Joe Wabol (89), Manny Mangarero (82), L.J. Camacho (77), and Jess Wabol (83).

Meanwhile, the December Ace tournament will also be held at Kingfisher next Sunday, while the RGA Club Championship and Family Fun Day will take place on Dec. 11 and 18, respectively, at Coral Ocean Point.

For more information about RGA tournaments, contact Olopai at 483-5508, Tony Rogolifoi at 288-3515, and Jess Wabol at 288-1129.

ond place after the tiebreaker. However, Saures now holds the score to beat in the December Ace and if no RGA member scores better than 78 on Nov. 20, he gets to keep the monthly plum and take the last slot to the club championship.

Actually, Saures and Guerrero's 78s were not the top scores in the weekend event. Ray Tigilau recorded the lowest net at 69, but he had already won a monthly Ace and was disqualified from bringing home another award.

Joe Demapan fired the second best

net at 73, but he is not eligible for the RGA Cup, as last Sunday's tournament was only his third of the season. RGA requires Ace winners to join at least six tournaments to earn tickets to the club championship. Tars Olopai, who submitted the third best net at 75 and had closest to the pin shots on hole Nos. 8 and 15, was also disqualified after having won the October Ace.

Seven other RGA members joined the weekend competition. The list includes Dwayne Stephens (81), Tony Rogolifoi

TSUNAMI

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"We help swimmers learn the right attitude, teamwork, sportsmanship, and the value of working hard," Kimura said.

The Tsunami Saipan coach added their swimmers' success will not be

possible without the help of their parents and he is counting on their support in the coming years.

"Parents' cooperation and understanding are really needed. Parents and club officials are hoping to have children with a healthy and healthy body through swimming. We will do our best to make a big difference to our

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November Ace event and December qualifier. To break the tie and determine the Ace winner, RGA went to the scorecards on the front nine.

Guerrero shot a 47 on the front and deducting half of his 19 handicap, he ended up with a net 37.5 against Saures' 41. The 10-handicapper Saures carded a gross 46 in the first nine holes to drop to sec-



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## MP United Silver sweeps fall season

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One perfect season. One perfect gift.

MP United Silver shut out Tan Holdings FC, 6-0, to sweep the regular season of the boys U15 division of the 2011 NMIFA Youth Football Fall League and hand goalie Gregzon Fontanilla a fitting gift on his birthday last Saturday.

With the victory at the Hopwood Junior High School Field, MP United Silver kept its undefeated record for four seasons that encompassed two years. In six games this season, MP United Silver scored 60 goals and gave up only two, surpassing its record of 48 goals for and 4 goals against in the spring season.

"The unbeaten record was a product of the players' hard

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MP United Silver's Ryota Ito, second left, and a Tan Holdings striker, nudge each other as they fight for the ball during the second half of their game in the boys U15 division of the NMIFA youth fall league last Saturday at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.



Saures

**Guerrero takes  
RGA Nov. Ace;  
Saures tops  
Dec. qualifier**

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Nick Guerrero and Joe Saures split the honors in Refaluwasch Golf Association's two-in-one tournament last Sunday at the Kingfisher Golf Links.

Guerrero claimed the November Ace award, while Saures ruled the December Ace qualifier. The two golfers had similar net scores of 78 in last weekend's tournament, which doubled as the

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## Tsunami Saipan selects new officers

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Mark Staal is now the president of Tsunami Swimmer Center Saipan after being selected in an election late last month.

Staal, father of CNMI record-holder Kai Staal, replaced long-time Tsunami Saipan president Stan Good. Joining the older Staal in the Tsunami Saipan board are vice president Michael Pai, treasurer Yoriko Sugie, secretary Millet Wong, parents representative Yuko Kimura, and swimmers representative Rezne Wong. The club will still have Hiro Kimura as coach.

"I want to thank Hiro and Yuko personally for asking me to take over the duties and responsibilities of the president of the Tsunami swim team. I am honored to help out the team and humbled by their support. I witnessed what discipline and hard work can do for our swim-



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Newly elected Tsunami Saipan president Mark Staal, left, is seen here posing with Tsunami Saipan Rookie of the Year Miku Tammy, center, and former club president Stan Good during a season awards ceremony in June this year.

mers through seeing what they did for my son Kai Staal and Rezne Wong," Staal said in an email to Tsunami Saipan members and their parents.

"Swimming with coach Hiro has done a lot for Kai, and if you

keep trying your best, it can do a lot for you, too," the new Tsunami Saipan president added.

For his part, coach Kimura said Tsunami Saipan is not only about swimming fast.

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## Mobil, Fiesta ease past foes

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Mobil and Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan recorded similar victories, posting double-digit winning margins against separates foes in the 3rd Annual Shirley's Coffee Shop Invitational Basketball League last Sunday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Fiesta played in the first game and clobbered GPPC, Inc., 99-81, to extend its winning streak to four after dropping its first two matches. GPPC absorbed its fourth loss in five games.

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Marvin Rabauliman, seen here going for a layup against two PIC/NVM defenders, scored 22 points in Mobil's 87-77 win over Wushin during their game last Sunday in the Shirley's caging at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

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